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Kuwait's GNP per capita among highest

WASHINGTON, July 5, (UNA): Kuwait's gross national product (GNP) per capita in 1987 was among the highest in the world at \$14,470, topping many countries in the industrialised countries, according to the "World Economic Indicators" published by the World Bank here today.

The figures published by the World Bank — 1987 is the latest year for which statistics are available — show that Kuwait had a higher GNP per capita than even countries like West

Germany (\$14,400) France (\$12,790), the United Kingdom (\$10,420). Kuwait's GNP per capita was higher than the average for all of the OECD countries in 1987 which averaged at \$14,430. The United States had the highest GNP at \$18,530. Kuwait's GNP was higher than that of Saudi Arabia which totalled \$6,200 in 1987. Among the GCC countries, it was only surpassed by the United Arab Emirates where GNP per capita averaged at \$15,830 in 1987.

The statistical data also shows that in the period between 1965-80, the average annual rate of inflation in Kuwait averaged at 16.3 per cent, but the figure dropped to minus 4.6 per cent in the period between 1980 and 1987. Kuwait's gross domestic product (GDP) growth averaged at 1.3 in the period between 1965 and 1980, but it dropped to minus 1.1 between 1980 and 1987, the statistical data shows. The average annual growth rate for indus-

try dropped from 4.4 per cent in the period 1965-1980 to 2.7 per cent in the period between 1980-87. In the manufacturing industry, Kuwait achieved 1.4 per cent between 1980-87 while in agriculture the average annual growth was 23.6 per cent during the same period. The value added in manufacturing in Kuwait increased from \$120 million in 1970 to \$1,902 million in 1986, according to the report's statistical data.

The Kuwaiti government expenditures in 1987 was placed at 14 per cent of total expenditures for defence, 14.2 per cent for education, 7.6 per cent for health, and 21.9 per cent for housing amenities and social security and welfare. Total Kuwaiti government expenditure in terms of percentage of GNP in 1987 was placed at 36.9 per cent — compared to 34.4 per cent in 1986.

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No killing of AIDS victims

CAIRO, July 5, (Reuters): Egypt's top Muslim authority yesterday rejected a fellow cleric's statement that AIDS victims should be killed.

Grand mufti Sayed Tantawi, Egypt's state-appointed senior authority on Islamic rulings, told reporters the religion did not allow the killing of AIDS patients, even in hopeless cases. Abdullah Al Mashad, head of a committee at Cairo's Al Azhar University charged with issuing opinions on religious issues, said AIDS patients should be denied food, water and medical treatment.

"We must purge society of the AIDS patient and those like him because his existence causes public harm," Mashad, who ranks below the grand mufti in Egypt's Islamic hierarchy, told Reuters. But Tantawi said it would be difficult to justify killing AIDS patients even if they had acquired the disease through immoral acts.

\$3.5b aid to Manila

TOKYO, July 5, (AP): A consortium of international donors pledged \$3.5 billion today for the first year of a foreign aid programme designed to strengthen the economy and government of the Philippines.

The World Bank, organisers of a three-day meeting of 20 countries and seven international organisations, announced the first-year figure. If carried forward through 1992, that level of foreign aid would provide a total of \$14 billion to the Philippines, a World Bank statement said.

"We are grateful for the positive and enthusiastic response of the international community to this unique effort to help us," said Roberto Villanueva, head of a Foreign and Coordinating Committee under Philippine President Corazon Aquino.

The aid programme shows "the large reservoir of good will that exists in the international community for the Aquino government," he said.

The Philippines now must show it can use the money effectively, Villanueva said. "It is a challenge to our people and we must all rise to the occasion to promote our national interest," he said. The World Bank declined to disclose details of the pledges from different countries and organisations.

Yesterday, Japan said it would commit about \$1 billion; the European Economic Community said its 12 members would give about \$350 million a year; and US Secretary of State James A. Baker III reiterated the US commitment to contribute \$200 million in additional aid for the first year.

Adding in other commitments, US aid to the key south-east Asian country is to hit \$658.6 million.

Franco-Soviet call to halt arms supply

Appeal for ceasefire in Lebanon

PARIS, July 5, (Agencies): The Soviet Union and France called today for an immediate ceasefire in Lebanon and a halt to arms supplies to warring factions.

The appeal was made in a joint statement by presidents Mikhail Gorbachev and Francois Mitterrand after talks in Paris.

The statement said the two leaders expressed profound concern about the crisis in Lebanon and the civilian population's distress and suffering.

"They called for an immediate ceasefire to be rigorously respected," the statement said. "They also feel that measures must be taken urgently to guarantee the effective cessation of arms supplies to all the Lebanese groups in conflict," it added.

The joint appeal coincided with another tense phase in the 14-year-old civil war. On Tuesday Syria, a close Soviet ally in the Middle East, sent gunboats to tighten its blockade of Lebanon's Christian enclave.

The Franco-Soviet statement did not mention Syria by name. Nor did it call for the withdrawal of 40,000 Syrian troops in Lebanon.

But it backed Lebanese self-determination. "The two leaders are convinced that Lebanon must remain a sovereign, independent and unified state whose territorial integrity is respected," the statement said.

At a news conference closing the second day of his state visit to France, Gorbachev said resolute action was needed to end a conflict which had created so many victims and wrought so much destruction.

"We both think the Arab world is consolidating its efforts to find a solution to the Middle East crisis and we are both ready to contribute to finding that solution," Gorbachev said. The joint statement pledged support for a three-nation Arab League peace mission which is currently seeking to end port blockades and revive a political dialogue.

Syrian gunboats patrolled Lebanese territorial waters north of Beirut today in an effort to tighten a blockade of ports used by Christian Army Commander Gen. Michel Aoun.

Syrian gunners deployed in West Beirut also intermittently shelled the Christian ports of Jounieh, Amsheet and Byblos to prevent Aoun from receiving Iraqi-supplied war materiel.

The prestigious daily paper An Nahar said the Syrian naval blockade was to force Aoun to remove medium-range missiles he reportedly obtained from Iraq.

The paper, in an unattributed report, said Syria "insists that the Frog-7 missiles be removed from Lebanon."

An Nahar said Syria has officially informed a three-member Arab committee on Lebanon of its demand about removing the missiles from the Christian enclave.

Why is Olie smiling?



North's sentence

Former White House aide Oliver North was given a \$150,000 fine, a three-year suspended sentence and service for crimes connected with Iran-Contra scandal (Reuters wirephoto) (See Page 4)

Sudan peace talks agreed

KHARTOUM, July 5, (Agencies): Rebel leaders have agreed to meet a delegation from Sudan's new military rulers to discuss ways of ending a crippling civil war in the southern provinces, the official armed forces newspaper reported today.

Another newspaper the Abu Dhabi daily Al Itihad, quoted a member of the 15-man military council that seized power last week saying the delegation would leave Khartoum tomorrow to meet the rebels in Addis Ababa with a message from Junta leader Gen. Omar Hassan Ahmed Al Bashir.

The armed forces newspaper, the only Khartoum paper permitted to publish since an elite paratroop force seized hold of the capital on Friday, said the Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) notified the ruling command council last night of its willingness to meet.

The agreement followed within hours after Bashir announced a unilateral ceasefire in the war and offered a general amnesty to all members of the mainly black, Christian-led rebel group.

Al Itihad also quoted the military council member, one of three junta members from southern Sudan, saying the Khartoum delegation would offer the SPLA posts in a new cabinet being formed to replace the ousted government of fugitive Prime Minister Sadeq Al Mahdi.

There was no immediate confirmation of the scheduled meeting from the SPLA, whose clandestine radio station has been broadcasting old speeches by rebel leader John Garang since the coup.

In the first official rebel comment, SPLA official Mansour Khaled told the Arabic service of the British Broadcasting Corp. that the rebel movement was withholding judgement of the new rules until they spell out their proposals for ending the war.

Khaled made clear that the SPLA remains committed to the repeal of the country's Islamic "sharia" laws which provide for floggings, stonings and amputations, although such sentences have been suspended since 1986. Bashir has proposed that the issue be settled in a national referendum but the rebels are concerned that sharia would be approved in such a vote by Sudan's 70 per cent Muslim majority.

A high-ranking delegation from Sudan's new military rulers visited Saudi Arabia today to explain their future policies, Sudanese sources said.



Fairuz' concert

Arab world's top female singer Fairuz arrives at Cairo airport on Wednesday, accompanied by Emad Khashoggi (left) who is organising a three-day concert at the Pyramids in mid-July. Fairuz will be performing in Egypt after a 14-year absence. (Reuters wirephoto)

NEWSWATCH

Jailed for life: A devout Muslim who cut his daughter's throat because she decided to become a Jehovah's Witness was convicted of murder yesterday and jailed for life.

A jury at Birmingham Crown Court found Abdul Malik, 56, guilty of murdering his 16-year-old daughter, Farhin, last November in front of her mother and two younger sisters.

Malik, who came to Britain from Bangladesh in 1952, had pleaded innocent to murder. The defence claimed he was provoked and had sought a verdict of manslaughter.

But prosecutor James Hunt said Malik's standing in the community, where he was on the committee of his local mosque, meant more to him than his daughter's life.

"What he undoubtedly did was to sacrifice her for his religion," Hunt said.

During the two-day trial, Malik testified that he used the 12-inch (30-cm) kitchen knife only to frighten his daughter but his mind "went out of control."

The jury was told that Farhin left her father's Birmingham home because of arguments over the Jehovah's Witnesses and her Jamaican boyfriend. She had returned home the day before she died.

Farhin's 15-year-old sister, Hazzava, testified that her mother pleaded with Farhin to recite a Muslim prayer in front of her father, who was carrying a knife. But she refused and told him she intended to go to more Jehovah's Witnesses meetings.

"He grabbed her by the hair and pushed her to the floor. ... he pulled her back. She had a lot of hair. This exposed her neck and he put the knife to it. He did that calmly," Hazzava said.

Jets collide: The wing of a Jordanian Airbus clipped the tail of an Irish Boeing 737 as the jets taxied today at London's Heathrow airport, officials said. No one was injured.

A spokesman for the Irish state airline, Aer Lingus, said its Dublin-bound jet, carrying 71 passengers, was stationary when the accident occurred at the end of the main departures runway. He spoke on condition he was not identified.

Royal Jordanian could not immediately be reached for comment. Both aircraft sustained minor damage and the cause of the accident is being investigated, the Civil Aviation Authority said.

Aer Lingus passengers transferred to another aircraft. The Royal Jordanian Airline was making alternative arrangements, but the number of passengers on its Amman-bound Airbus was not immediately disclosed.

In a virtually identical incident on a taxiing runway at Heathrow on June 27, the wing of a Thai Airways International Boeing 747 en route to Bangkok with 348 passengers clipped the tail of a British Airways Boeing 737 carrying 111 passengers to Brussels, airline officials said.

Jordan polls: The first elections in 22 years, expected to seal the country's separation from the West Bank, will take place Nov 16, government sources said today.

Prime Minister Zeid Bin Shaker was scheduled later today to announce an amended election law calling for an 80-member parliament elected solely from Jordan itself, a Prime Ministry source said on condition of anonymity.

The source said King Hussein was also expected to issue a royal decree endorsing the amendments.

All previous parliaments since the early 1950s were evenly split between West Bank and East Bank Jordanian representatives. No nation-wide voting has been possible since 1967, when Israel captured the West Bank from Jordan. A handful of district elections were held in 1984 to replace members who had died.

Hussein suspended the old 60-member parliament last year after renouncing sovereignty over the West Bank in favour of the PLO. On April 17, the king approved a law calling for a 70-member body representing only the East Bank.

Jermaine converts: American singer Jermaine Jackson, brother of superstar Michael Jackson, has converted to Islam, a Saudi Arabian weekly reported.

The latest edition of Al Yamamah, available yesterday, said Jermaine, 34, converted in a ceremony this week in the Red Sea port of Jeddah then prayed in Islam's holiest shrine in Makkah.

Rushdie row: The British government yesterday refused to extend blasphemy laws for Muslims who want to bring author Salman Rushdie to trial for allegedly blaspheming Islam.

Home Office Minister John Patten told leading British Muslims in a letter that extending the laws could damage relations between different religions.

The Muslim leaders swiftly rejected the government's stance and vowed to continue their campaign to bring Rushdie to court.

Pub with no beer: Dublin parents worried about heavy drinking among teenagers are to build Ireland's first pub with no beer.

Not a drop of Guinness, the Black Stout that is Ireland's national drink, will be available. "Under-age drinking is becoming a major problem not only here but throughout the country. We hope to show the lead in providing alcohol-free premises," a spokeswoman for the concerned parents group said.

Benazir to raise Afghan issue

Meeting with Thatcher in UK

LONDON, July 5, (UPI): Pakistani Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto arrived today in Britain for a week-long visit that will include meetings with the Queen Elizabeth and Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, but no engagements in cities with large Muslim communities.

Benazir, 36, arrived at London's Heathrow airport for her first official visit to Britain and went to the posh Ritz Hotel where she will stay until she leaves for Paris July 12.

She will make a "keynote speech" to the management organisation the Confederation of British Industry tomorrow morning, a spokesman at the Pakistani embassy said.

She will meet Thatcher Friday at Downing Street, and again at the prime minister's country residence Chequers, 40 miles (64 km) northwest of London, for "a second bite at the

cherry, as they say," the Pakistani spokesman said.

Benazir's itinerary also includes an audience with the Queen at Buckingham Palace today and meetings with government ministers, including Foreign Secretary Geoffrey Howe, who visited Pakistan in March, and Trade and Industry Secretary David Young.

But although Shaharyar Khan, Pakistani Ambassador to Britain, will host a reception at a London hotel Saturday "for the Pakistani community," there have been protest calls from large Muslim communities in northern England that Benazir should visit them.

"When I visited Miss Bhutto in Pakistan earlier this year, she told me she would make every effort to visit Bradford during her tour," said Hukam Dad Khan, president of the

British branch of Benazir's Pakistan People's Party.

"She said she owes a lot to the people of Bradford because they were her voice in Europe" during her exile from Pakistan, Khan said.

He said security fears were blamed for Benazir's decision not to officially visit some of Britain's largest Muslim communities during her seven-day stay.

"I am not angry because we feel it is for security reasons and not because she is ignoring us," he added.

A Downing Street spokesman said the two leaders would discuss "regional matters, Afghanistan, and so on, (the possibility of) Pakistan's re-entry to the Commonwealth, and Islamic issues."

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Aquino wants to give up claim to Sabah for better ties

MANILA, July 5, (AP): President Corazon Aquino will ask Congress to approve a bill dropping the Philippine claim to the Malaysian state of Sabah to improve relations with Kuala Lumpur, her spokesman said today. Press Secretary Adolfo

Azcuna told reporters that Aquino made the decision at today's cabinet meeting. He said Aquino would ask Congress to give priority to a proposal defining the nation's territory and excluding Sabah when the legislature resumes its session July 24. "This is calculated to improve

our relations with Malaysia since the executive has decided to endorse the idea that we should no longer pursue our claims to Sabah as part of the Philippines," he said. But Azcuna added that the Philippines still would support the claims of the heirs of the Sulu

sultanate, who have stated a historical claim to Sabah, on the northern end of Borneo island. Six unidentified gunmen killed a suburban Manila town councillor today, one day after suspected communist rebels killed a police chief in a wave of violence in the capital.

PEOPLE AND PLACES

'Rawhide' thrown Reagan hurt

SIERRA VISTA, Arizona July 5, (Agencies): Former US president Ronald Reagan was recuperating today from scrapes and bruises after being thrown by a bucking horse during what he called "my own private rodeo."

The 78-year-old Reagan was flown to Fort Huachuca's Raymond W. Bliss Army Community Hospital after the spill at a ranch in the northern Mexico state of Sonora, said his spokesman, Mark Weinberg.

After four hours of treatment, Reagan returned to the ranch, where he has been vacationing since Saturday, officials said.

Although Reagan did not suffer any serious injury, doctors suggested he stay at the hospital overnight, officials said.

Reagan declined, so doctors assigned the hospital's chief nurse, Lieut Col Paul Farineau, to accompany Reagan back to the ranch that's owned by William Wilson, a friend and former US ambassador to the Vatican.

The former president, whose Secret Service code name during his presidency was "Rawhide," wanted to return to the ranch to "get back on that horse."

Reagan, a former actor, had joked that he would ride off into the sunset when he left the White House. He is an accomplished horseman, who has ridden in Hollywood Westerns and also with Britain's Queen Elizabeth at Windsor.

The former president plans to celebrate his wife's birthday there tomorrow before returning to his Los Angeles home at the end of the week, Weinberg said.

While at the hospital, Reagan made jokes and did not complain of any pain, Lopez said.



Reagan is shown horseback riding in an undated file photo (Reuters wirephoto).

ROME: A statue of Emperor Marcus Aurelius on his horse is to return to Rome's Capitol Hill eight years after it was removed for restoration work.

However, city officials said on Tuesday, the second century bronze-gilded statue will no longer stand on its pedestal at the centre of the hill but will move to a museum a few metres (yards) away to protect it from traffic pollution.

The statue was discovered and restored in 1538 by Michelangelo who made it the centrepiece of his new design for the Capitol, site of the ancient Roman Senate. (Reuters).

WASHINGTON: A suspended Roman Catholic priest says he'll continue leading his unsanctioned African American Catholic congregation, contending that Washington's archbishop "has failed to deal with racism" within the church.

The Rev. George A. Stallings is forbidden to preach, celebrate Mass or administer any of the Roman Catholic church's sacraments — including baptism, weddings or holy communion, church spokeswoman Ellen Marks said.

The suspension was imposed by Cardinal James Hickey archbishop of the Washington diocese.

STEPHENVILLE, Texas: City leaders liked their first centennial celebration so much they decided to hold another, 35 years later.

In 1954, Stephenville marked the 100th anniversary of the days when developer John M. Stephen and Texas revolutionary George Erath were paroling up the land to form the town 60 miles (100 kilometres) southwest of Fort Worth.

This year, they are celebrating the 100th anniversary of Stephenville's incorporation, which transformed it from town to city.

About 12,000 people were expected to attend the annual parade and Fourth of July Fun Fair, which opens the festivities. A summer-long series of events ends Sept 12 with a fish fry.

Stephenville, now a city of 15,500 was incorporated on Aug 6 1889 (AP).

WHITE CASTLE, Louisiana: It is the Old South in wood and white paint, and it is available for \$9 million.

Nottoway Plantation's 64 rooms, 200 windows and 22 white cypress columns are for sale. "A rare opportunity to purchase a part of American history," an advertisement says.

The three-storey landmark near the Mississippi River was completed in 1859. Owner Paul Ramsey, an Australian health-care mogul, has asked a Dallas realty company to offer the home for sale. He and a partner bought it in 1985 for \$4.5 million.

Nottoway was built by John Hampden Randolph, a wealthy sugar cane planter from a prominent Virginia family. It was shelled by a Yankee gunboat during the civil war. (AP)

RAPID CITY, South Dakota: Singers Kris Kristofferson and Willie Nelson were among the stars who performed for a crowd of 6,000 to raise money — and awareness — for the cause of the American Indian.

They, along with Neil Young, John Denver, Jackson Browne and others, donated their talents Sunday at the Paha Sapa Music Festival. Proceeds will go to a college, an alcohol — and — family-counselling centre and a radio station serving Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. (AP)

NEW YORK: Broadway producer Harold Prince who unveils his production of Mozart's "Don Giovanni" this week, once preferred opera to Broadway musicals.

Prince, 61, said he has been going to the Metropolitan Opera since about 1936.

"My grandmother had box seats every other Tuesday," he said in an interview published Sunday in the New York Times. "The first thing I ever saw was 'Rigoletto', and," he said, "as far as opera itself was concerned, I was enthralled." (AP)

LAS VEGAS, Nevada: Entertainer Lola Falana returned to the Las Vegas stage over the weekend, showing no sign of the multiple sclerosis that forced her from the footlights more than a year ago — and threatened to end her career.

She left out her sizzling dance routines and concentrated more on singing, but Falana, 46, displayed the old zest as she performed everything from Broadway hits to Michael Jackson songs.

"You don't know how I need you," she told her audience, which included longtime friend Sammy Davis Jr., during her show Sunday at the Sands Hotel and Casino.

Falana nearly died in 1983 when she suffered peritonitis following abdominal surgery. Then in November 1987 she learned she had multiple sclerosis, a neurological disease that short-circuits the central nervous system. For a time, she was partially paralyzed, but the worst symptoms of the disease have eased. (AP)

PITTSBURGH: Naeel Stark was born on Grizzella Street and has lived there for all of her 31 years, so when she decided to marry Phil Gavosto there was only one place to hold the wedding: on Grizzella Street.

As about 125 friends and neighbours looked on Friday night, the father of the bride, John A. Stark escorted Ms Stark down a neighbour's driveway into the cul-de-sac, where she stood next to the groom.

The lawn was decorated with nine pink flamingos, one dressed as a bride and another as a groom. The cul-de-sac was decorated with balloons, and a piano stood off to the side of the street.

The bride and groom plan to live

— where else? — on Grizzella Street (AP).

NEW YORK: People troubled by society's problems should stop complaining and start co-operating with those trying to overcome the woes, US First Lady Barbara Bush says.

"Today you can no longer say, 'the drug problem worries me' or 'crime worries me' or 'illiteracy worries me.' If it worries you, then you've got to do something about it," the wife of president George Bush said in this week's issue of Newsweek magazine.

Americans must engage in volunteer work if the country is to solve the problems troubling it, Barbara said. The rewards for such work are immediately gratifying, she added.

"You see yourself feeding the hungry, nurturing the poor," she said. The first lady suggested one other thing for improving the nation's quality of life: education.

"The truth is that having a more literate America will help almost everything," Barbara said. (AP)

SANTA ANA, California: A Continental Airlines jet with 132 passengers aboard narrowly avoided a collision with a small plane that turned into its path shortly after takeoff, aviation authorities said.

Federal Aviation Administration duty officer Jack Doyle said Continental Flight 176 came within 100 feet (30 metres) of a single-engine Bonanza that had just taken off from an adjacent runway at John Wayne Airport shortly after 3 pm Friday.

Doyle said the pilot of the small plane was told by air traffic controllers to turn left after takeoff, but instead turned right, crossing the Boeing 737 jetliner's flight path. (AP)

LONDON: Campaigners to save the remains of a 16th century theatre where plays by William Shakespeare once premiered withdrew a court appeal Tuesday against the development, after local lawmakers asked the government to protect the remains as an ancient monument.

Imry Merchant developers plans to build a £20 (\$480 million) office block over the site using altered construction details that will allow the public to see the foundations of the Rose Theatre unearthed by Museum of London archaeologists in January.

But Southwark's local council planning committee voted Monday night that Environment Secretary Nicholas Ridley revoke Imry's permission to build on the site and register it as an ancient monument.

A judicial review of whether the

Rose should be a protected monument had been moved forward to July 10 and would present its recommendations to Ridley. (UPI).

LONDON: The CIA laughed and British intelligence would comment, but with or without help from the pros, the town of Cheltenham is set to uncover the spy business.

Playing on its fame as the home to the government's top-secret intelligence-gathering headquarters, the town of 86,000 in southwest England plans to open the only museum of espionage outside Havana, Tourism Officer Peter Rollins said Tuesday.

If all goes well, the "Espionage Centre" will open next year, offering exhibits on great spies through the ages and the state of the profession today, Rollins said by telephone.

When people were asked what they associated with Cheltenham, "A heck of a lot of people said, 'Oh yes, that's where GCHQ is based.' So we thought, well why not an espionage centre."

GCHQ, or Government Communications Headquarters, is NATO's European centre for electronic eavesdropping. The secretive, sensitive spy centre was founded out and gave a cautious nod to the plan, Rollins said. (AP).

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Reactor on sub leaked coolant

OSLO, July 5, (AP): A Soviet nuclear submarine that caught fire last week off Norway leaked small amounts of radiation which indicate that its reactor came close to a meltdown, Norwegian scientists said yesterday.

Norwegian state researchers said traces of radioactive iodine 131 were found in a water sample taken two days after the June 26 fire aboard the Echo II class vessel 120 kilometres (70 miles) off Norway's coast in the Norwegian Sea.

"We see no reason to be alarmed. This is a radioactive material with a half life of eight days," said Finn Ugelveit, of the Norwegian Radiation Hygiene Institute, which conducted the tests.

Ugelveit said the material was "diluted by seawater and we expect it to disappear completely very quickly. All other air and water tests showed no radiation."

Knut Gussgard, director of the Norwegian nuclear energy safety board said the submarine apparently "suffered what is called a loss of coolant accident, which is what can lead to a meltdown."

Gussgard told the Associated Press that iodine 131 is a byproduct of nuclear fission, which means the "core must have leaked coolant, exposing (uranium) fuel rods that may have burst or even began to melt."

"The chances that this kind of radiation came from anything but the core are slim," agreed Ugelveit in a telephone interview.

Initially, Moscow dismissed the possibility of radiation leaks from the damaged vessel and said none of the crew was injured.

But the Soviet News Agency Tass said Monday that doctors examining four crew members of the nuclear submarine found no signs of radiation poisoning but 15 were undergoing "preventive medical tests."

The Soviet Union, responding to questions from Norway, said the "submarine's reactor" was fuelled by uranium 235, and was a different type than the one Western defence experts had expected.

Gussgard said the submarine used a boiling water reactor, more compact but much less common than a pressurised water reactor.

"It is noteworthy that Western intelligence was not aware of the type of reactor used," said Gussgard.

Sicilian slain in vendetta

PALERMO, Sicily, July 5, (Reuters): A tyre repairman was gunned down in Palermo yesterday in the third killing in two days apparently linked to a Mafia vendetta against top informer Salvatore Contorno.

Police said Simone di Maria, 34, who had a criminal record for robbery, was shot at close range with a pistol at his workshop. The gunman escaped on a motor scooter.

Di Maria was the brother of the lover of Antonino Grado, Contorno's cousin. He was the 21st relative or associate of the informer to be murdered since 1981.

Two other men, cousins of Contorno's wife, were murdered on Monday. Contorno, formerly a top hit-man himself, was one of the key witnesses at a 1987 trial in which nearly 340 Mafia gangsters were sentenced to long jail terms.

He was arrested in Sicily six weeks ago after leaving the United States where he was under Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) protection after helping investigators smash a drugs ring in 1984.

Police believe he may have returned to join a new counter-offensive by clans defeated by the powerful Corleonesi gang in the early 1980s, when the murder of many of his relatives persuaded Contorno to turn informer.



Ochoa is shown on Cuban television during his trial. (Reuters wirephoto)

Cuban officer admits guilt

'Now I have to pay'

MEXICO CITY, July 5, (AP): A woman officer admitted before a Cuban military court that she packed computers with cocaine and smuggled the drug in speedboats into the United States, the Cuban government news agency Prensa Latina said yesterday.

"I allowed myself to be tempted, the damage is done and now I have to pay," Prensa Latina quoted Capt Rosa Maria Abierno as saying. She said she used an unnamed "commercial contact to start the trafficking of drugs" into Florida.

Abierno said the operation was authorised by Col Antonio de la Guardia Font, an officer of an Interior Ministry secret division that mounted smuggling operations to circumvent a trade and economic embargo the US declared against President Fidel Castro's communist administration in the 1960s.

"With the operation authorised, we proceeded to ship the cocaine camouflaged inside computers for a value of \$300,000 into the United States," Abierno was quoted as saying. She said she co-ordinated three such operations.

Cuba does not manufacture computers and the dispatch did not say where they originated from. Abierno testified on her own behalf Monday night, shortly before the court recessed in its third day of hearings in Havana, the Cuban capital. She was the only woman out of a total of 15 military officers on trial for high treason, smuggling and corruption.

Three of the officers were Army career officers, including Maj. Gen. Arnado Ochoa, a hero of Cuban military expeditions to civil wars in Angola and Ethiopia. The other 11, including Abierno, were officers of the Interior Ministry, which maintains its own armed corps.

Prensa Latina reported on the trial in dispatches from Havana, monitored in Mexico City.

The dispatches identified Abierno as a "very active co-ordinator" from 1987 to 1989 in the drug trafficking.

Abierno bought a house and an automobile with her cuts from the smuggling operations, Prensa Latina said. It said authorities confiscated \$14,000 in cash when they arrested her.

All 14 officers were stripped of rank and decorations and dishonourably discharged by a military court of honour, which recommended they be tried by court martial and that seven of them be executed by firing squad if found guilty of treason, drug trafficking and hostile acts against a foreign nation.

The prosecutor asked the death sentence for Ochoa and former Colonel Antonio de la Guardia, who headed a top-secret department of Cuba's Ministry of Interior charged with circumventing the US economic embargo of Cuba.

The other former officers who could be shot are Amado Padron, Antonio Sanchez Lima, Jorge Martinez, Eduardo Diaz and Alexis Lago.

The prosecutor, Brig. Gen. Juan Escalona, asked 30-year prison sentences for former general Patricio de la Guardia and Abierno, both of the Ministry of Interior, Cuba's police and state security apparatus. He asked 25-year prison sentences for Leonel Estevez, Jose Luis Pineda, Gabriel Prendes and Miguel Ruiz and a 15-year sentence for Antonio Rodriguez.

The charge of hostile acts toward a foreign nation was based on proof that the defendants co-operated with international drug traffickers by allowing Cuba to be used as a stopover point in smuggling cocaine into the United States, Escalona said.

The three generals acting as judges have five days to decide the penalties under Cuban military law. The defendants pleaded guilty. Authorities confiscated a total of \$1.2 million and 423,744 Cuban pesos in cash, 39 luxury cars, a motorcycle and 186 firearms when they arrested the officers, the dispatches said.

Under cross-examination by prosecutors on Sunday, Ochoa said he took up drug smuggling to earn dollars to help Cuba's strained economy.

Prensa Latina said testimony at the trial showed the accused also allowed shipments of contraband marijuana from Jamaica and hundreds of pounds of cocaine to pass unhindered through Cuban territorial waters and airspace into Florida.

Former Gen. Patricio de la Guardia, one of the last to testify, listened with his head bowed as Escalona told him his conduct "put the country in moral danger," Prensa Latina said.

'Acid House' parties a new teen-age cult craze

LONDON, July 5, (Reuters): Thousands of British teenagers are flocking to all-night "Acid House" parties at secret venues, causing anxiety to parents, irritation to police and outrage amongst politicians.

This summer convays of trailers have been transporting loudspeakers and laser lights to aircraft hangars and bigger outdoor sites in the country.

Acid House involves kids, decked out in fluorescent T-shirts and bandannas, waving their hands in the air to synthesised vocals and heavy-rhythm beats "housed" or mixed by disc jockeys.

A heatwave has encouraged youngsters to turn out, with the biggest party drawing an estimated 11,000 people. Other gatherings have attracted several thousand enthusiasts.

Parents and politicians fear that their dreamy smiles, splashed across the front pages of Britain's tabloids, are a result of the designer drug ecstasy or the hallucinogenic LSD, once called acid by the sixties flower-power generation.

"We have got to be much more vigorous in terms of the growing menace of drug peddling at Acid House parties," said Barry Sheerman of the opposition Labour Party.

"There must be urgent talks between the home secretary and the chief constables... because these parties seem to be a haven for drug pushers."

Acid House is the latest music and pop culture craze to sweep Britain. Inspired by a Chicago movement called House, it first arrived in Britain more than two years ago and reached its heyday in London clubs last year.

"It was easy to get into. You danced how you liked and when it first came in people were just childishly happy," said 22-year-old Jamie who went to some of the first parties.

Last September, however, the death of a girl aged 21 at an Acid House party blackened the fad's image. She popped two ecstasy pills then collapsed at a disco in a London suburb.

Despite a sales boom, some retailers selling "smiley" T-shirts and badges, the uniform of Acid House patrons, quickly withdrew their products to distance themselves from the craze.

Tabloids told lurid tales of dance orgies and teenagers in drug trances. At some clubs bouncers searched patrons for narcotics and patrolled the toilets for signs of drug-taking.

An all-night high could cost £15 (\$23.50) for ecstasy or three pounds (\$4.50) for LSD. But most clubs cleaned up their acts after media scrutiny brought on by the girl's death.

"People just don't want to be arrested," said night clubber Jamie of north London.

Future of abortion hinges on O'Connor

WASHINGTON, July 5, (AP): The Supreme Court's willingness to scrap the constitutional right to abortion it established 16 years ago now seems to hinge on the vote of Sandra Day O'Connor, the only woman ever to serve as a justice.

Abortion-rights activists said yesterday they fear the worst. O'Connor "never met a regulation she doesn't like," said Sarah Weddington, the lawyer who successfully argued the 1973 case of Roe vs Wade that legalised abortion.

"We can't look to the courts for our protection on this anymore," said Patricia Ireland of the National Organisation for Women.

Their growing dismay was sparked by the high court's ruling Monday that stopped short of letting states outlaw abortions.

The deeply divided court concluded its 1988-89 term by removing some of the shackles that barred states from regulating most abortions for 16 years. It soon could broaden state power even further.

The court announced it will review three new abortion disputes next term, giving it a new opportunity to end Roe vs Wade.

"There is no longer a majority on the court to support Roe," said Janet Benshoof of the American Civil Liberties Union.

Abortion opponents happily agreed.

Monday's "decision indicates that Roe's days are numbered," said Randal Terry of Operation Rescue.

O'Connor is one of five justices, a majority of the nine, who have expressed hostility to the 1973 ruling. She said in 1983 that the ruling's central premise — permitting greater state control as a woman's pregnancy proceeds — has "no justification in the law or logic."

But if the 16-year-old structure is tottering, O'Connor was not willing to topple it Monday.

The time is not ripe to discard it, she said, choosing instead to uphold Missouri regulations limiting abortion rights on narrow grounds.

She voted, for example, to let states require various medical tests to determine whether a foetus at least 20 weeks old is "viable" or capable of surviving outside the womb.

The court's 1973 ruling allowed states to make it a crime to abort a viable foetus — but the justices then drew the viability line at 24 weeks.

The tests ordered by Missouri "are to be performed when viability is possible," O'Connor said.

That could add \$150 or more to the cost of an abortion. But, O'Connor said, that "does not impose an undue burden on a woman's abortion decision."

Justice Antonia Scalia ridiculed her reasoning and hesitance to come to grips with the central issue.

In a pungent footnote to his own concurring opinion, Scalia called "irrational" O'Connor's "notion of a state's interest in potential life when viability is possible."

"Perhaps our next opinion will (permit) — state action designed to take account of the 'chance of possible viability,'" Scalia said.

The Vatican newspaper said yesterday the US Supreme Court decision on abortion did not go far enough because abortion is still permitted.

It repeated the Roman Catholic Church's condemnation of abortion in all cases.

"The problem of the suppression of conceived life remains," headlined L'Osservatore Romano.

Saving elephants, but killing industry

Ivory ban 'a deadly blow'

TOKYO, July 5, (Reuters): Japan's voluntary ban on most ivory imports may help protect the dwindling numbers of African elephants, but could end a 350-year-old industry.

"It will be a deadly blow," said Shigemitsu Terauchi, managing director of the Japan General Merchandise Importers' Association.

Reacting to international pressure, Japan banned raw ivory imports indefinitely from June 19, except for ivory shipped directly from the country of origin. Other importers, including the United States, Britain and France, have imposed total bans and are donating funds for projects to save African elephants.

Ivory has always been prized in Japan for its beauty and texture and the country is the world's biggest ivory market, accounting for about 40 per cent of total consumption.

It produces some 20 billion yen (\$140 million) worth of ivory products a year, including personal seals, parts of traditional musical instruments, and art work.

Over half the imports are turned into hanko, personal stamps engraved with Chinese characters and used as legal signatures. Ivory hanko account for some 15 to 20 per cent of the total produced.

"To carve small characters clearly, the firmness and density which ivory possesses are perfect. A registered hanko must be mat-



Sales clerk Satomi Takahashi takes a careful look at ivory carving of chrysanthemums at her Tokyo ivory shop on June 30. (Reuters wirephoto).

chless," said Kageo Takaichi of the Osaka Ivory Art Craft Association.

Ivory industry sources expect imports to drop by over 90 per cent of the 106 tonnes imported in 1988.

Direct imports from countries of origin accounted for only 13 per cent the 1988 total. The rest came from suppliers in countries such as Hong Kong, Belgium and Singapore, many of whom are believed to have acquired the ivory illegally.

"We are very disappointed at the new measure," said a Tokyo shamisen teacher.

"For us, an ivory pick is indispensable. It's the same as horsehair in his bow to a violinist," she said.

Japan imports all raw and finished ivory traded in the world is poached and smuggled.

"We believe Japanese consumption is not the only cause of the diminishing elephant population," said Takaichi.

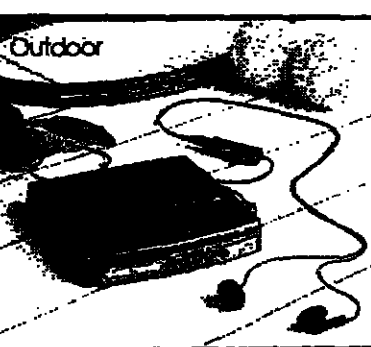
"Our agents have donated a total

of \$135,000 for a five year period to the convention on international trade in endangered species, to help stop ivory poaching and smuggling.

"We believe illegal hunting in Africa should be halted," said Terauchi.

"The situation facing the elephant is serious. In eight years, the population has dropped by one-half to around 600,000," said Tom Milliken, director of the Tokyo-based Trade Records Analysis of Flora and Fauna.

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4-year-old lights up Boy can't kick the habit

PEKING, July 5, (Reuters): At an age when most children are still being told not to play with matches, four-year-old Kung Mingming is trying to give up smoking.

Mingming, a plump, healthy child in a village in Jiangsu, East China, took up the habit last year when his chain-smoking father found it was the best way to stop

him from crying.

Mingming began with a few puffs and soon developed an addiction, constantly asking his parents for a smoke.

Recently, his father decided his son should kick the habit but this was impossible in a house full of smokers, so he had to move Mingming to the home of a relative.

North gets fine but no jail term

Bush has no comment

WASHINGTON, July 5, (AP): Oliver North today drew a three-year suspended prison term and a \$150,000 fine for his role in the Iran-Contra affair, the biggest US foreign policy scandal of the decade.

US district judge Gerhard Gesell placed the former National Security Council assistant on two years' probation and ordered him to perform 1,200 hours of community service administering a new programme to help inner-city youth avoid involvement in drugs.

"I don't think you were a leader at all," the judge said of North's involvement in Iran-Contra. He said North was "really a low-level subordinate who was carrying out the instructions of a few cynical superiors."

Gesell also cited North's distinguished career as a Marine officer before he became a staff member at the White House during the administration of former President Ronald Reagan.

S. Africa mum on details

Rocket test-fired

JOHANNESBURG, July 5, (Reuters): South Africa said today it had successfully fired a booster rocket on a test range in Cape province, but gave no details about the missile's performance or purpose.

A brief statement by Armscor, Pretoria's secretive state-owned weapons company, said the firing was a major milestone in the development of the test range at Overberg, east of Cape Town.

Last month the Washington Times reported that South Africa was ready to test an intermediate-range ballistic missile developed with Israel's aid.

Armscor refused to comment on that report. The statement today appeared designed to counter criticism by conservationists of the use of the Overberg range for testing weapons.

It quoted Armscor chairman Piet Marais as praising the management team at the test range for the way they were handling nature conservation.

It did not say how many missiles had been fired at Overberg, merely describing the new test as the latest in a series.

The Washington Times said the South African missile was a modified version of Israel's Jericho II intermediate range surface-to-surface missile which with a range of up to 800 km (500 miles) could hit targets in neighbouring black-ruled countries.

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Security men watch a mini-helicopter equipped with a television camera flying over the Champs Elysees moments before Gorbachev arrived at the Arc de Triomphe. (Reuters wirephoto)

US celebrates Independence Day

Americans wave the flag

NEW YORK, July 5, (Agencies): A Medal of Liberty was awarded to Lech Walesa of Poland in a US Independence Day observance yesterday and a Cuban immigrant played host to thousands to honour his adopted country as Americans celebrated the holiday.

Americans waved the US flag with a passion at gatherings nationwide, handling out thousands of new ones and reverently retiring old and tattered ones by burning them.

The Fourth of July, the US holiday to commemorate the end of British rule, marks the anniversary of the 1776 signing of the Declaration of Independence.

In the state of Arkansas, Winthrop Paul Rockefeller, a great-grandson of Standard Oil founder John D. Rockefeller, put on a fireworks display.

Rockefeller, son of the state's late governor, said of the display he has sponsored for the last 10 years: "To see the kids and the older folks, the people who fought to keep this country free, it's just a humdinger of a Fourth of July."

As many as half-a-million people took part in the festivities in

Rajiv lauds July 4

KENNEBUNKPORT, Maine, July 5, (AP): President George Bush, spending a private Independence Day with his family, received a call from Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi yesterday morning wishing him a happy holiday, the White House said.

Rajiv told him the Fourth of July was an important day for all democracies and said the US founding fathers had a great impact on the Indian constitution, according to a news release issued by Bush's staff at the vacationing White House in Maine.

The President and Mrs Bush pitched in to clean up debris from the huge fireworks display over their home Monday night, the White House said. On another matter, the White House said Bush called Turkish Premier Turgut Ozal Monday to "express his concern about the maltreatment and forced expulsion of the Turkish ethnic minorities from Bulgaria."

The statement gave no further details of the President's conversation with Ozal, whose office announced the phone call Monday.

the nation's capital with a parade along Constitution Avenue in Washington.

Thousands of flags were given away in Milwaukee and Chicago. And a week after the Supreme Court ruled that burning the flag in protest is protected by the constitution, American Legion Posts — organisations made up of military veterans — retired old flags by burning them.

Just outside Miami, Cuban immigrant and exporter Eduardo Martinez again opened his home to tens of thousands of

people. As visitors examined scaled-down versions of the White House and the Statue of Liberty, bands played a mixture of Latin music, country and rock.

"I do this as a tribute to America because we are very grateful to this country," he said.

Pianist Van Cliburn thrilled Soviet guests yesterday by performing their national anthem and then accompanied Americans in a patriotic sing-along at the US ambassador's annual Fourth of July champagne reception in Moscow.

Meeting of minds

Gorby's fusion

PARIS, July 5, (AP): Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev told French intellectuals and students at the Sorbonne today that his reforms would make the Soviet system a fusion of socialism and democracy.

"It's more difficult than we thought at the beginning, but it's working. The country is changing, rapidly and irreversibly," he said, speaking through a translator to an audience of about 2,000 in the packed Sorbonne amphitheatre.

Philosopher Bernard-Henri Levy and Regis Debray, a former presidential adviser and author, were in the crowd.

Afterwards, Debray called the speech "strong" and "remarkably coherent, a kind of synthesis of the Soviet intellectual revolution."

Members of the Soviet delegation earlier this week said the visit to the Sorbonne, the university of Paris founded in the 12th century, was symbolic. For the last decade, French intellectuals, many of them former leftists, have condemned communist totalitarian governments.

Gorbachev called for protecting the global environment, halting moral decline and co-operation between "men of culture, science and art in France and the Soviet Union" toward solving the political and social problems of the day.

He began the second day of his visit to France by laying a wreath on the Tomb of France's unknown soldier beneath the Arc de Triomphe and paying a call on Paris Mayor Jacques Chirac.

Soviet and French flags fluttered along the Champs-Elysees to the Triumphal Arch, begun by the Emperor Napoleon in 1806 to celebrate his military victories — but only completed years later, long after Napoleon's ill-fated invasion of Russia had been driven back to Paris.

In a toast at a state dinner last night, Gorbachev referred to Bonaparte's 1812 march on Moscow, which he traced to a departure from the ideals of French Revolution whose bicentennial is being celebrated this year.

"The departure of France from revolutionary ideals led to the great war between our countries," the Soviet leader said. "It left in the popular memory not only traces of evil, but also — and this is one of the paradoxes of history — brought our peoples closer together, awakened deep mutual interest and strengthened the process of mutual influence."

Gorbachev professed the Kremlin's new adherence to the same ideals of liberty and equality that sparked the French Revolution and declared his



Gorbachev waves to the crowd.

readiness to safeguard human rights at home and abroad.

He also called for building a new Europe by moving beyond the East-West schism that resulted from the cold war.

"The post-war period is over," Gorbachev said at the dinner in his honour hosted by President Francois Mitterrand. "Today, a way toward a stable peace is opening before us, based not on a balance of forces, but on a balance of real and correctly understood interests."

The Soviet leader opened his three-day visit with talks with Mitterrand. He and his wife, Raisa, also visited the square in eastern Paris where 200 years ago this month, an angry mob stormed the Bastille prison, launching the French Revolution.

Thousands of people crowded up to barricades placed around the enormous square, as the Soviet President's sleek black Zil limousine pulled up, they shouted "Gorby, Gorby," much like the enthusiastic cries he heard last month on his visit to West Germany.

In his dinner toast, Gorbachev said Soviets feel like participants in this month's festivities celebrating the French Revolution's bicentennial in part "because perestroika, also, is a revolution."

Gromyko buried in quiet ceremony

Soviets bid farewell

MOSCOW, July 5, (Agencies): Former Soviet President and Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko was buried in a quiet corner of a Moscow cemetery today with little ceremony and only a token number of Soviet leaders present.

Some 400 official guests inside the Novodevichy cemetery and a few dozen onlookers behind steel barriers hunched under umbrellas as they waited for the funeral in steady drizzle.

The procession made its way past a guard of honour, headed by official mourners carrying Gromyko's black-framed photograph, his medals on red cushions, wreaths and his coffin.

Earlier Hundreds of Soviets filed past the flower-adorned open casket of Gromyko today to bid farewell to the man who steered Soviet diplomacy through the cold war and détente.

The mourners placed the coffin, its red and black-draped lid removed, on a marble plinth while Vitaly Vorotnikov, a member of the Communist Party's ruling Politburo, gave a brief appreciation of Gromyko's



Gromyko's body lies in state.

career. Gromyko, who served as foreign minister for nearly three decades before being made president in 1985, died on Sunday after a heart operation.

Soviet minister voted out

MOSCOW, July 5, (Reuters): The Soviet parliament today rejected the government's nominee to head the state railway system, the second sitting minister given the thumbs down in as many days.

The Supreme Soviet approved four government appointees but blocked the nomination of Nikolai Komarev, railway boss since 1982, a day after throwing out the nation's chief of foreign trade.

By a vote of 204 to 130, with 40 abstentions, deputies rejected Komarev, 62, after criticism of the rail system's safety record and passenger services.

On Tuesday, the Supreme Soviet voted down the nomination of Vladimir Kamensky, 61, who had directed foreign trade since it was revamped by Kremlin chief Mikhail Gorbachev in 1987.

Both men, proposed by the government and approved by parliamentary commissions, lost despite a rule change that effectively lowered the numbers needed to win confirmation.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Escape over Wall

WEST BERLIN, July 5, (Reuters): A 24-year-old East German used a ladder and a rope to escape over the Berlin Wall to West Berlin early today, police said.

East German border guards spotted the man and ordered him to stop but did not open fire when he ignored their warnings.

Western military sources say East Germany has posted at least 200 more guard dogs along the wall in the past two months, apparently as a deterrent and possibly to reduce the use of guns against would-be escapees.

Aircraft crashes

NICOSIA, Cyprus, July 5, (AP): A long-range Royal Air Force intercept aircraft has crashed on landing at a British sovereign base on the southwestern coast of Cyprus, but both its pilots escaped unscathed, a British officer disclosed today.

Maj. Michael Portman, spokesman for the sovereign bases, said the accident occurred "roughly at midday" (0900 GMT) yesterday on the Akrotiri runway.

Solzhenitsyn

MOSCOW, July 5, (Reuters): The official Soviet Writers' Union has voted to readmit Alexander Solzhenitsyn and asked deputies in the new parliament to restore his citizenship, the weekly Moscow News said today.

The decision was taken at a meeting of the union's board on Friday, which also voted for publication of Solzhenitsyn's epic, "Gulag Archipelago."

Brief protest

MOSCOW, July 5, (AP): Four Soviet human rights activists held a brief protest at the French embassy yesterday and submitted an appeal for the release of a dissident journalist currently jailed in central Russia, one of the protesters said.

The letter asking for journalist Sergei Kuznetsov's release was addressed to French President Francois Mitterrand, Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev and the European Parliament, activist Tamara Grigoryants said.

Membership climbs

BONN, West Germany, July 5, (AP): Interior Minister Wolfgang Schaumbach said yesterday that membership in right-wing extremist groups climbed a dramatic 12.8 per cent last year and that the number is continuing to increase.

Schaumbach also expressed serious concern about the increasingly popular ultra-rightist Republican Party headed by former Nazi SS soldier Franz Schoenhuber.

Collaborator dead

PARIS, July 5, (AP): Jean Leguay, charged with committing crimes against humanity by collaborating with Nazi occupation forces in the deportation of French Jews, has died in a Paris hospital, his lawyer said yesterday.

The lawyer, Yves Jaffre, said the 79-year-old Leguay, who suffered for more than a year with liver cancer.

Ariane rocket

PARIS, July 5, (AP): The launching of the 32nd Ariane rocket, postponed last week just four seconds before liftoff, has been rescheduled for July 11 at the French Guiana Space Centre, officials said yesterday.

On Friday, an umbilical plate used to fill the third stage of the rocket with liquid hydrogen failed to pull away at the prescribed time and launch site computers at Kourou, French Guiana, automatically shut down the operation.

Blacks arrested

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa, July 5, (AP): A lawyer said 128 blacks arrested in the wake of a weekend village riot were released yesterday and eight were being held in connection with the fighting that resulted in 11 deaths.

The violence broke out Saturday when Bophuthatswana police broke up what they called an illegal gathering in a soccer field at the village of Leeuwfontein, 230 kms (150 miles) northwest of Johannesburg. The gathering was called to plan strategy against the area being incorporated into the tribal homeland.

Cruise liner

BREMEN, West Germany, July 5, (Reuters): The Soviet cruise liner Maksim Gorkiy, holed when it strayed into Arctic pack ice last month, entered a Bremen shipyard for repairs yesterday.

Dieter Haske, manager of the Lloyd Shipyards, said repairs would start almost immediately on the 25,000-tonne ship.

Rains kill five

ZAGREB, Yugoslavia, July 5, (AP): Torrential rains killed five people and flooded at least 650 homes near this second largest Yugoslav city late Monday and early yesterday, state television reported.

The torrents swept a car off a road into a swollen river and all three passengers were killed near Slovenska Bistrica, some 50 kms (31 miles) west of Zagreb.

Man charged

SYDNEY, July 5, (AP): A member of an ultra-rightwing political group was charged yesterday in a shotgun attack on the home of the chief representative of the African National Congress in Australia.

Michael White, 19, was charged in Sydney central local court with possessing a firearm with intention to commit an indictable assault and malicious damage to home of the ANC representative, Eddie Funde.

Jail for lying

HARARE, July 5, (Reuters): A former Zimbabwe government minister was sentenced to nine months' jail yesterday for lying to a judicial inquiry.

Frederick Shava, a former junior political affairs minister, was also fined 150,000 dollars (\$75,000) by the high court for selling motor vehicles at inflated prices.

Moscow to pay damages

Soviets criticised for MiG crash

BRUSSELS, July 5, (AP): Belgium, the Netherlands and West Germany today criticised the Soviet Union for failing to inform them a pilotless MiG-23 jet was flying over their territory. One person on the ground died when the combat plane crashed.

The three NATO nations lodged stern protests, asking their Soviet ambassadors why they had to wait for 10 hours yesterday to get a first reaction, through the official Soviet news agency Tass, to the MiG-23 crash in Belgium.

Meanwhile, wreckage of the Soviet plane was being removed from the crash site on the French-Belgian border 80 kilometers (55 miles) west of Brussels. Officials said the wreckage would be returned to the Soviet Union.

"There was an extreme slowness in information," Foreign Minister Mark Eyskens

told reporters after he summoned Felix Bogdanov, the Soviet ambassador.

"In the age of glasnost, transparency and information without reserve," must be more quickly forthcoming, he added.

The West German and Dutch governments were equally critical.

In Bonn, Foreign Ministry spokesman Hanns Schumacher said his government, in a meeting with a representative of the Soviet embassy, expressed its annoyance that "nothing was done to inform governments involved about the incident."

The Dutch Foreign Ministry asked "the Soviet Union for clarification on the incident... and for measures that will prevent any such incident in the future."

Eyskens said the Soviet Union offered to pay for damages caused by the crash.

He also called for an improvement in East-

West co-operation in such incidents. "My conclusion, corroborated by the Soviet ambassador, is that information systems have to be improved between the two blocs," he said, adding Belgium will raise that with its NATO allies.

In Moscow, Defence Minister Dmitri Yazov had no explanation why Warsaw Pact defence forces failed to detect and shoot down the runaway MiG-23.

"It is difficult to say why it was not shot down, why it was not detected," Yazov said of the plane that took off for a training flight from Kolobrzeg airfield in Poland.

"A large-scale investigation should be carried out," he said, and investigators were on their way to the Polish airfield.

Yazov said he believed an engine malfunction immediately after takeoff on the training flight prompted the pilot to eject.



Two Bulgarian Turks in tears hug each other as women look for their relatives from a train. (Reuters wirephoto)

'Train of shame' carries Turks

KAPIKULE, Turkey, July 5, (Agencies): For hundreds of dazed and bewildered ethnic Turkish refugees packed in railway coaches, the first glimpse of their spiritual homeland is a fly-blown railway station on the Bulgarian border.

Turkish officials say the Munich-Istanbul Express and a train from Bulgaria, which they call "the train of shame", bring a total of about 1,500 refugees fleeing oppression each day. Around the same number cross the border gate by car and foot.

At Kapikule station a waiting woman with arms outstretched races down the platform to embrace her waiting family as a man bent with arthritis makes a defiant gesture at Bulgarian border guards in an observation tower.

Unaware Most other people on the express today including European holidaymakers, were unaware that three coaches had been tagged to the rear of the train for refugees at the Bulgarian border station of Svilengrad.

"They (the Bulgarians) loaded us like pigs even though we had tickets in our hands," said a 44-year-old woman who did not want to give her name, fearing reprisals against family members still in Bulgaria.

Refugee Betir Idrisoglu told Reuters his family of 12 was squeezed into one compartment. "There were 180 people in a carriage designed for 80. There was no room to move," he said.

"When I asked why we could not have more carriages, a Bulgarian official said 'be satisfied with what you are getting. Get on the train and get out of the country,'" he said.

"I tried to reply but the officials had batons in their hands. If you argue, they hit you. I was beaten," added Idrisoglu, who said his sister was still in Bulgaria.

Other refugees, among some 110,000 who have fled to Turkey since mid-May, told of having possessions such as new shoes, radios and household goods, as well as cash, taken from them before boarding trains for Turkey.

Denies

Turkey has said it is ready to take all of the estimated 1.5 million ethnic Turks in Bulgaria if necessary.

Sofia denies the existence of a mainly Muslim minority, saying its members are "Bulgarian Muslims" who were forced to take Islamic names under Ottoman Turkish rule.

Shortly after midnight before the expected arrival of the Munich-Istanbul Express, which also passes through Austria and Yugoslavia, recently-arrived refugees sleeping in a station restaurant get up hoping this will be their lucky day.

"I have been waiting three days for my husband to arrive. I pray to God he will come today," said a woman with twins in tow. Like some other refugees, she spoke in broken Turkish.

She strained for a sight of her husband among the 400 or so arrivals, including babies in arms and old people carrying their worldly possessions. It was another unlucky day.

Secretary-General of the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) Dr Hamed Al Ghabid will pay a visit to Turkey next Thursday, during which he will inspect Bulgarian Muslims conditions there and will also visit Al Khayam city, close to Bulgaria-Turkish borders, where Bulgarian Muslim refugees live.

Turkish Foreign Minister Mesut Yilmaz discussed the plight of ethnic Turks in Bulgaria with his Jordanian counterpart today, a Turkish diplomat said.

Tass: City paralyzed by unrest

MOSCOW, July 5, (UPI): Ethnic strife in the disputed Azerbaijan enclave of Nagorno-Karabakh has shut down its capital where ethnic Armenians are again pushing their demands for union with the neighbouring Armenia republic, Tass said yesterday.

The report of renewed unrest in the Azerbaijan Republic came as soldiers struggled to keep the lid on what the Soviets call "inter-nationalities conflict" just over the border in the Republic of Georgia and in the Republic of Uzbekistan across the Caspian Sea.

"The situation in Nagorno-Karabakh remains tense," Tass said. Its capital of "Stepanakert has been paralyzed by a general strike for two months. Industrial enterprises and construction projects are closed. Transportation is partially idle."

In the Fergana region of Uzbekistan, extremists "are spreading provocative rumours and blackmailing the population" and distributing anonymous letters calling for work stoppages and civil disobedience.

The official Izvestia government newspaper reported Sunday that more than 3,000 troops had been sent to Georgia in response to "tense relations between Georgians and (ethnic) Azerbaijanians who have been living there a long time."

New ministers find files gone

Greek scandal

ATHENS, July 5, (AP): Ministers of the newly formed conservative-leftist coalition government claimed yesterday that confidential files were missing from their predecessors' offices when they took over.

Conservative Tzannis Tzannetakis, sworn in last Sunday as head of the coalition government, complained he could not find a single file in former Premier Andreas Papandreu's office.

He alleged in a radio interview that a Papandreu adviser told him that "when problems were solved we tore up the documents and therefore there are no documents. We solved all problems."

The government of the conservative New Democracy Party and the coalition of the Left and Progress was formed after elections June 18 ended inconclusively with no party winning an absolute majority in the 300-member unicameral Parliament.

Papandreu's Panhellenic Socialist Movement (PASOK) came second in the elections, failing to win a third term with only 125 parliament seats. New Democracy won 145 places and the coalition 28. The remainder went to a small conservative party and an independent.

The coalition government said

its aim was the restoration of democratic institutions and cleansing scandal-ridden Greek political life.

"They took the state with them", the independent daily Ethnos charged in an editorial.

"The theft of documents constitutes a crime against the state and concerns not only the people but Parliament and the judiciary as well, who will be assigned to the cleanup."

The right-wing daily Eleftheros Typos said it had confidential Commerce Ministry papers that were found in a garbage can outside the home of former commerce minister Yannis Papanatoliou.

Coalition of the left member Fotis Kouvellis, who holds the key Justice Ministry post, told reporters that the cleanup would be hampered by the lack of documents.

Lieutenant General Stamatis Velides has been appointed chief of the general staff replacing Air Vice-Marshal Nikos Kouris as the new government instituted a change in the Greek Armed Forces leadership.

The Council of Foreign Affairs and Defence, chaired by Tzannetakis, decided on Velides' promotion after Kouris stepped down on Monday.

Steady decline in Kadar's condition

BUDAPEST, Hungary, July 5, (AP): The condition of long-time Hungarian leader Janos Kadar has deteriorated steadily, Hungarian radio said today.

Kadar was delivered to a special private unit in Budapest's Kutvolgyi Hospital on Monday, suffering from pneumonia and severe breathing and circulatory problems, said terse reports in state-run media.

The noon (1000 GMT) newscast on Hungarian radio did not specify how the 77-year-old Kadar's condition had deteriorated since last evening, when it said his health had worsened since Monday.

Kadar's wife Maria is constantly at her husband's bedside, according to hospital sources, and Communist Party Chairman Rezzo Nyers and General Secretary Karoly Grosz visited Kadar yesterday.

Kadar was first reported gravely ill in April. In May, he lost his post as party chairman and membership of the policy-setting central committee, which wrote him a letter criticising mistakes during his 32-year rule.

Kadar was named honorary party chairman in May 1988, when Grosz took over as general secretary.



Walesa joins Sejm

WARSAW, Poland, July 5, (Agencies): Solidarity claimed the spoils of its electoral victories yesterday, with 259 of its parliament deputies and senators taking seats in the national assembly next to the Communist Party that once suppressed it.

It was the first time since the late 1940s that an opposition group was installed in an Soviet bloc legislature.

"There were two great moments in my life—the August 1980 agreements and today," said Union Chief Lech Walesa, who had a place of honour at the front of the parliament, or Sejm, for the opening session. Sitting opposite him a few metres (yards) away was Communist leader Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski.

At the opening of the Senate five hours later, Walesa and Jaruzelski sat side-by-side at the front of the chamber and seemed to be joking with one another like old friends.

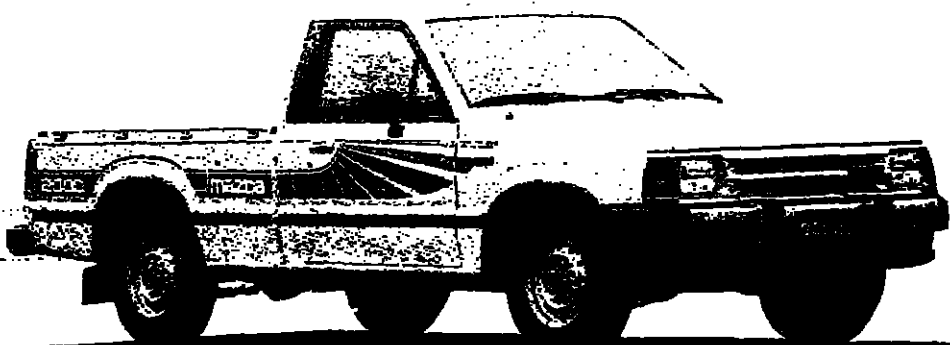
The day also saw the formal resignation of the government of Prime Minister Mieczyslaw F. Rakowski. That government was lambasted for its economic performance, which included skyrocketing inflation and market shortages.

Standing in

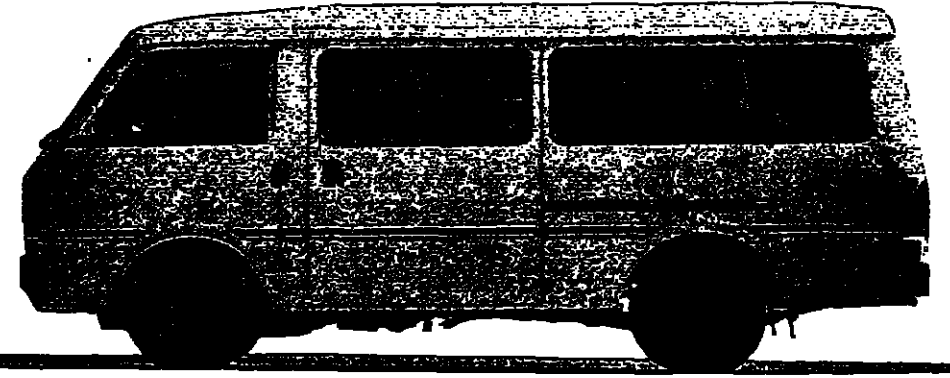
Damuta and Jaroslaw Walesa, wife and son of Polish Solidarity leader Lech Walesa, attend US Independence Day ceremonies in Philadelphia on Tuesday. Mrs Walesa accepted the first Philadelphia Liberty Medal for her husband who could not attend. (Reuters wirephoto)

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Official visit

NEW DELHI, July 5. (KUNA): Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, who is paying a three-day visit to France from July 12, will have discussions with various world leaders, besides President Mitterrand and Prime Minister Michel Rocard on international issues and matters of mutual concern.

The prime minister will also visit the Soviet Union and Pakistan and will exchange views on bilateral and international matters with the leaders of these two countries.

Campaigners' trial

LONDON, July 5. (UPI): Two idealistic anti-nuclear campaigners who helped double agent George Blake escape from Britain to the Soviet Union 23 years ago will be brought to trial next week, their lawyer said today.

Last respects

PORT MORESBY, Papua New Guinea, July 5. (AP): Thousands of people lined the streets of the Papua New Guinea capital today for a ceremony honouring government Minister Malupu Balakau, who was assassinated last Saturday.

A motorcade carrying Balakau's body made its way to Parliament house, where crowds milled around, trying to catch a glimpse of the coffin.

Inside the chamber politicians wept openly before a capacity-filled public gallery as members of Parliament filed past Balakau's body to pay their last respects.

Student unrest

LAGOS, July 5. (Reuters): Police clashed with student demonstrators in several Nigerian cities, making at least 30 arrests, as some colleges which were closed in May following violent unrest reopened, newspapers reported today.

The Guardian said police clashed yesterday with demonstrators who blocked streets with burning tyres in Agbara and Ughelli in mid-western Bendel State.

It quoted police commandant S. Akola as saying that policemen were injured and 30 people arrested.

Kennel destroyed

PASADENA, California, July 5. (UPI): A fire that broke out at a chemical company swept through a neighbouring dog and cat kennel, killing 35 animals and leaving some of the survivors suffering from smoke inhalation and burns.

About 45 firefighters battled the stubborn blaze that broke out about 4 pm yesterday at High Chem, Inc., and spread to the townhouse for dogs in a business district.

Flames and black smoke already were pouring through the kennel roof when the first fire companies arrived, dispatcher Jean Osmond said. The fire, finally controlled about 6:17 pm, destroyed the kennel.

Undersea quakes

TOKYO, July 5. (AP): Two moderate earthquakes shook southern Japan late yesterday and early today, the central meteorological agency said.

The agency said the two quakes, each measuring 4.9 on the Richter scale, were among thousands of small tremors rumbling through the area for the sixth day today. It said seismic experts were meeting to study whether the undersea quakes were likely to trigger a major earthquake.

China floods

BEIJING, July 5. (AP): More than 100 people have been killed in flooding caused by heavy rains in coastal and southern China in the past week, officials reported today.

The flooding across five provinces also has destroyed thousands of homes, left tens of thousands homeless and caused dikes along major rivers to burst, the official China Daily said.

Forty-four people have died in Jiangxi province, according to the newspaper, which reported 12 new deaths. Earlier reports put the death toll at 32. China Daily estimated that in Jiangxi alone, 3.5 million people have been affected by the flooding.

In a soup

HONG KONG, July 5. (Reuters): A Hong Kong restaurateur has been arrested in the act of serving imitation shark's fin.

A court fined Wong Kwong-Keung 20,000 dollars (\$2,560) after he admitted serving customers a cheap substitute for shark's fin, an expensive Chinese delicacy.

Police posing as customers said they ordered braised shark's fin soup, arrested Wong, sealed the bowl and took it to a government laboratory where analysis showed it contained only a small fraction of the real ingredient.

Shibley dead

LOS ANGELES, July 5. (AP): George Shibley, a defence attorney who represented Robert F. Kennedy's assassin, Sirhan Sirhan, and helped defend 12 Hispanics in the "Zoot suit" murder case of the 1940s, has died of cardiac arrest at 79.

Shibley died yesterday at Good Samaritan Hospital, where he had undergone heart surgery June 8.

Armed Chinese troops stop Japanese tourists

Local officials, activists arrested

BEIJING, July 5. (Agencies): Chinese soldiers armed with assault rifles pursued and boarded Japanese tourist buses today and confiscated film and videotapes taken by the tourists in central Tiananmen Square, witnesses and Japanese embassy officials said.

The tourists surrendered their cameras and the films and videotapes taken away, but the cameras were returned and no one was injured or detained, embassy officials said.

The incident was the first reported since the Army moved into Beijing June 3 to brutally suppress the democracy movement and appeared

likely to damage China's efforts to restore tourism, which has fallen off sharply since the violence last month.

Japanese embassy officials and witnesses said a group of about 100 Japanese tourists in three buses had arrived today from attending a world youth festival in North Korea and was taken through Tiananmen Square.

The square, which as the site of pro-democracy protests was cleared by tanks and troops June 3, is still heavily patrolled and closed to pedestrians. Most of central Beijing has been under martial law since May 20, and photography is sharply restricted.



'Send us home'

Bihari children demonstrate in Dhaka demanding immediate repatriation to Pakistan. Most of them were born in refugee camps. (Reuters wirephoto)

Lanka braces up for trouble

COLOMBO, July 5. (Reuters): Sri Lanka imposed press censorship and mobilised thousands of military reservists today to tackle violence by left-wing rebels.

Police said gunmen of the People's Liberation Front had killed six people including two policemen in separate incidents.

Military sources said Army, Navy and Air Force reservists had been ordered to report to the nearest police station or their security force detachments.

They said the move would give security forces 15,000 to 20,000 extra men to tackle a deteriorating law and order situation.

President Ranasinghe Premadasa yesterday accused unnamed foreign intelligence agencies of whipping up disturbances in Sri Lanka in an "insidious" attempt to subjugate the country.

"They (intelligence agencies) hire people from inside the administration and work insidiously through them to wreck the administration," said Premadasa at a provincial town rally.

"In the past, when a country wanted to conquer another it waged a war. But today, when a country wants to tame, suppress or enslave another country, it resorts to different methods," he said.

Premadasa did not name the foreign agencies but in an apparent reference to neighbouring India, he said: "You know what happened in the North and East of Sri Lanka. From where did our people get that help to attack our own people?"

The government has postponed until next January a referendum on whether the northern and eastern provinces should be merged.

The referendum was scheduled to be held today in the multi-ethnic eastern province, but a government communique set the new date for Jan 29.

Police said among those shot dead today were two minor government officials and a bus driver who tried to go back to work despite a rebel-orchestrated strike now in its fourth week.

The strike by 50,000 workers in the state-run bus service has closed schools and disrupted work in offices, banks and commercial establishments.

The strike was launched by a new union calling itself the "Action Front," a wing of the guerrilla group.

A few buses ran today driven by soldiers under armed escort. The buses displayed signs saying "Army's service for people's welfare."

Hundreds of stranded commuters hitched lifts in private cars or hung on to crowded lorries to get home after offices closed early.

Transport Minister Wijayapala Mendis said the walk-out was part of a campaign of sabotage.

Sri Lanka had accused India of aiding and training Tamil rebels in the northeast in their civil war for an independent nation. At least 9,000 people have died in the six-year-old rebellion and most of the victims have been Sinhalese, the country's majority community.

After passengers took photographs in the square, Chinese soldiers chased the buses down Central Chang'an Avenue to the Friendship Store about 3 miles (5 km) to the east and boarded with assault rifles, demanding the tourists surrender their cameras.

The incident came as official newspapers reported nearly 50 new arrests in the nation-wide crackdown on democracy movement activists and Chinese sources said two more intellectuals had been nabbed in the dragnet.

Meanwhile, the newly reported arrests added to the more than 2,500 people confirmed taken into custody in the nation-wide sweep that followed the Army's move into Beijing.

Even now, troops totting AK-47s man roadblocks across Beijing, stopping cars including those driven by diplomats who are often obliged at gunpoint to submit to a search.

A number of countries, including Japan and the United States, still advise their citizens not to come here on holiday.

Chinese newspapers today accused the United States of leading an international conspiracy against communism and said foreign "reactionary forces" lay behind China's ill-fated democracy movement.

The People's Daily claimed that the democracy movement was part of a world trend engineered by "certain American forces" whose aim was to replace communism with capitalism.

"The US flaunts the banner of 'democracy', 'freedom' and 'human rights' to destabilise and subvert all socialist countries and to pressure some 'Third World' countries unwilling to accept American 'enslavement'," the newspaper said.

Meanwhile, China announced today it had arrested corrupt local officials and had broken up Beijing's biggest fraud case, moving to deal with some of the complaints that fueled weeks of pro-democracy protests.

Official newspapers reported the arrests, confessions and trials of officials who defrauded their work units and took bribes, emphasizing the image that the government is making a major push to root out corruption.

Meanwhile, two leaders of the democracy movement in China who escaped the bloody crackdown on dissent announced yesterday the formation of a new coalition to reignite the fight for freedom in their homeland.

Student leader Wu'er Kaixi and intellectual dissident Yan Jiaqi, in a statement issued from their hiding place in the West, said the new organisation would unite forces advocating sweeping political change in China.

"The movement for democracy has flooded its banks like the Yellow River," read the statement. "It is unstoppable."

"Despite the unprecedented white terror, the Chinese student movement and the movement for democracy are still alive. At present, China is shrouded in silence but that just means that a new and bigger storm is brewing."

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4 killed in rebel attacks

SAN SALVADOR, July 5. Three soldiers and a civilian Army employee were killed in rebel attacks in a war-torn Salvadoran province yesterday, the armed forces said. Two soldiers died in a clash with rebels of the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front near the town of La Laguna in the northern province of Chalatenango, the armed forces press office said.

Leftist rebels also ambushed an Army personnel carrier on a highway near Tayulla, also in Chalatenango, killing one soldier and a woman civilian employed by the Army, the office said.

Picture shows, a member of the military gives medical aid to a civilian after the ambush. (Reuters wirephoto)

Japanese poll campaign on

LDP defeat predicted

TOKYO, July 5. (AP): Opposition leaders took to the streets today to kick off campaigns for major nation-wide elections while Prime Minister Souseike Uno — the target of new allegations — stayed at his party headquarters to deliver a short speech.

Analysts and much of Japan's media have predicted his Liberal Democratic Party, which has governed Japan since the party was formed in 1955, will suffer heavy losses in the July 23 elections for half the seats in the upper house of parliament.

In his 15-minute speech, Uno promised reform and apologised for the widespread Recruit influence-peddling scandal that tainted many Liberal Democratic Party leaders and led to the resignation of his predecessor, Noboru Takeshita, one month ago.

But he warned voters not to listen to those "who would change Japan's system ... and lead the nation to isolation from the international community."

He was referring to opposition parties, which have been gaining in local elections in the wake of the scandal and voter anger over a three-month-old sales tax.

Soon after becoming prime minister, Uno was accused of keeping paid mistresses. He denied doing anything immoral.

Today, the mass-circulation newspapers Asahi and Yomiuri said he had misreported property holdings and underpaid his taxes by one million yen (\$7,000) for 1977-85.



Uno paints in an eye of the daruma doll to kick off the LDP campaign. (Reuters wirephoto)

The papers said Uno continued for several years to claim as a rice paddy property he had converted into a parking lot in 1977. The reports said he was taxed at the lower rates for farmland.

The Asahi report, based on public announcements of all cabinet ministers' assets yesterday, also alleged he had violated a government regulation by acting as president of his family brewery for several months while holding a cabinet post.

Meanwhile, an LDP official, said it was "rare" for the party president not to go out stumping on the first day of such a major campaign. He also said Uno had no plans to attend any support rallies in the near future.

"The sex scandal has absolutely nothing to do with it," said another official at the LDP's campaign headquarters. "He is busy preparing for the summit, and though no plans have been made yet, we are discussing several possibilities."

Benazir off to UK

C'wealth hopes

ISLAMABAD, July 5. (Reuters): Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, who left today for a visit to Britain, said today she hoped Pakistan would be readmitted to the Commonwealth this year.

"We hope Pakistan will regain its membership this year," she said in an apparent reference to the group's next summit in Kuala Lumpur in October.

Benazir's late father, the then-President Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, pulled Pakistan out of the organisation of former British colonies and dominions in 1972 when other members recognised East Pakistan as the newly independent Bangladesh.

Pakistan recognised Bangladesh in 1974 but did not seek readmission.

The government of the late President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq said Pakistan could rejoin the Commonwealth if other members agreed, but the move was opposed by India, Pakistan's traditional rival.

Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi has said his country is now ready to sponsor Pakistan's return to the organisation.

PRI admits defeat in election

MEXICO CITY, July 5. (AP): The Institutional Revolutionary Party, which has ruled Mexico for 60 years, has acknowledged its first defeat in a gubernatorial election, conceding the opposition won in Baja California.

Luis Donald Colosio, president of the party's national executive committee, said results compiled by the party from Sunday's election showed the conservative National Action Party candidate was winning in the governor's race in Baja California.

Since its founding in 1929, the ruling party's domination of Mexican politics has been so strong and pervasive that it became synonymous with government.

The party, known by its Spanish acronym PRI, has never lost a presidential election. It suffered its first senate losses in the July 6, 1988, general elections, giving up four seats in Michoacan state and the federal district.

The state election commission is to release official results on Sunday. A spokeswoman for President Carlos Salinas de Gortari said Colosio's statement was a recognition that the PRI had lost, based on party figures, but pending the official results.

Salinas, she said, "is the first president in the contemporary era of Mexico who has the courage and the ability to recognise a defeat of his own party at the state level."

Ernesto Ruffo, the winning National Action gubernatorial candidate in Sunday's election, said he would defend his party's claims to victories in mayoral and legislative races in Baja California.

Three bodyguards and three other people were also killed in the blast aimed at the 43-year-old governor, a member of the government's Liberal Party. A surgeon by profession, Roldan had been governor of Antioquia since last August.

The explosion was triggered by a remote control device found nearby and damaged at least 12 homes and cars close by.

Blast kills Colombian governor

MEDELLIN, Colombia, July 5. (Reuters): The governor of the Colombian state that is home to the notorious Medellin cocaine cartel was killed yesterday in a car bomb attack, which the military suspected was carried out by drug traffickers or leftist guerrillas.

Antonio Roldan Betancur, governor of Antioquia, one of the most violent states in Colombia, died when his car passed the dynamite-packed vehicle, parked two blocks from his home, police said.

Three bodyguards and three other people were also killed in the blast aimed at the 43-year-old governor, a member of the government's Liberal Party. A surgeon by profession, Roldan had been governor of Antioquia since last August.

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Sihanouk rules out peace accord with Hun Sen, vows to keep fighting

BEIJING, July 5. (AP): Cambodian rebel leader Prince Norodom Sihanouk today ruled out a separate peace agreement with the Vietnamese-installed government in Phnom Penh and vowed to keep on fighting with his Khmer Rouge allies.

"I tell you very clearly that I will not go to Phnom Penh," Sihanouk told a news conference at his mansion in Beijing, one of several cities around the world where he maintains homes in exile.

"I refuse to co-operate with Hun Sen on

a bilateral basis," he said, referring to the prime minister of the Vietnamese-installed government in Cambodia.

Vietnam, which invaded Cambodia in 1978 and ousted the Khmer Rouge, has said it will pull the last of its troops out in September.

But Sihanouk contended the pullout is a farce. He claimed 130,000 Vietnamese soldiers would remain disguised as Cambodian soldiers and peasant militia.

He insisted no settlement with Hun Sen

could be reached until all Vietnamese had left, including one million Vietnamese civilian settlers, and until Hun Sen agreed to a coalition that included the Khmer Rouge.

"So you see the problem will not be solved after the 30th of September," Sihanouk said, scribbling the figures on a large chalkboard and stabbing a finger at them.

"No one can stop the resistance from fighting. It is not because we don't have

compassion for our people," he said.

In talks with Sihanouk in May, Hun Sen had proposed changes to the Cambodian constitution to make it more acceptable to the Prince, and suggested Sihanouk return to Phnom Penh after the Vietnamese withdrawal as head of state.

Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze said yesterday he did not think the Army crackdown in China would derail a planned international conference on ending the Cambodia conflict.



Sihanouk addresses a press conference. (Reuters wirephoto)

Kabul planes bomb rebels

KABUL, July 5. (Agencies): Afghan Air Force fighter-bombers attacked rebel positions today, a day after the government warned the rebels of a "bloodbath" if they launched an assault on the capital and other cities.

Diplomatic sources and witnesses said the air strikes were the most intensive in recent weeks. A rocket fired by suspected Muslim rebels, battling to overthrow the Soviet-backed government in Kabul, hit a residential district 1,000 yards (915 metres) away from the Hotel Intercontinental today, witnesses said.

Most of the visiting foreigners in Kabul, including journalists, live in the hotel.

There was no immediate report of casualties from the dawn rocket attack on rebel positions in the Paghman mountains, northwest of the capital.

Between 30 and 35 fighters took part in the bombing runs, which lasted for 1-2 hours, witnesses said.

Soviet-made MiG fighter-bombers were seen flying off from Kabul and the nearby air base of Baghram in formations of two and three. Some of the jets were headed towards the Paghman mountains used by Muslim rebels as a base.

Other fighter-bombers headed in the direction of the eastern province of Nangarhar, where the rebels launched their first major attacks in early March.

Accused

Jalalabad, the scene of a continuing battle between the rebels and Afghan government soldiers, is the capital of Nangarhar province.

The government claims it broke the rebel siege on Jalalabad last month, but official Kabul Radio has reported fighting around the city for the past two weeks. The radio said rebels yesterday fired artillery and rockets into residential areas of Jalalabad, killing four people, including two children, and wounding eight, including two soldiers.

The Afghan government accused Pakistan and the United States yesterday of pushing mujahadeen rebels to launch an offensive later this month and asked the United Nations to help prevent it.

Foreign Minister Abdul Wakil, in a three-and-a-half page letter to UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar, said Pakistan and "overseas military specialists" were deeply involved in planning and encouraging attacks, which the government expected to be launched in mid-July.

"We demand that your excellency use your good offices to prevent and nullify such adventurist plans which endanger peace and security in the Republic of Afghanistan and in the region," he wrote to Perez de Cuellar.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Mohammad Nabi Amani said the armed forces had uncovered rebel plans for big attacks on several provinces and the capital, Kabul.

He said the government had received reports that "generals from the United States and Pakistan" were closely involved in the plans.

Defence

If rebels mount a conventional military attack on Kabul, they will face powerful air and land defences that could make the attack suicidal, according to military experts.

Every day, the sound of artillery fire from government posts on the hills around Kabul provides a reminder that the mujahadeen are close by.

Afghan government and foreign officials have said in recent days that city defences are so strong that, properly used, they could resist a substantial rebel offensive.

The Afghan government asked Pakistan yesterday to return two military helicopters and their crew who landed in a Pakistani border area on Monday.

The demand was made to the Pakistani charge d'affaires in the Afghan capital Kabul, the official Kabul Radio said.

Afghan Air Force jets also bombed rebel positions at Jalalabad yesterday in an effort to counter a reported new rebel offensive, the government said.

An Afghan government official said Air Force and infantry units were battling the rebels in Jalalabad.

Meanwhile, several rockets slammed into the Afghan capital today, killing at least five people, the official said.

US officials berate misuse of aid money in Egypt

WASHINGTON, July 5. (AP): Not a single family benefited during the first 10 years of a \$1.54 billion US-Egyptian programme to provide housing for low-income people near Cairo, according to the agency for international development.

A new report to Congress by aid Inspector General Herbert L. Beckington complains about US aid operations in Egypt. At \$2.3 billion a year, Egypt gets more US aid than any country except Israel.

The project begun in 1978 at Helwan, about 18 miles (29 kilometres) south of Cairo, was to cost \$160 million, shared equally by the two govern-

ments. By March 31, 1988, the United States had spent \$71 million and Egypt \$63 million and not one family had occupied an apartment, the report said.

John Riddle, a spokesman for the agency, said that since Beckington's report was written, 205 families have moved into 158 apartment units. The project had been planned to include 4,000 units.

The United States will stop paying money into the project after Sept. 30, Riddle said.

The aid report said questionable management decisions were responsible for problems in the housing project. There were disputes about who would be

eligible to get a house, and planners apparently never considered how many was to be collected from the occupants, the report said.

Riddle said the United States is spending 10 million Egyptian pounds (about \$3.9 million) to hire local contractors for what he called a "lessons learned analysis" of the project.

The money is coming from the sales of US goods sent as aid to Egypt. Money from such sales usually goes into a joint account managed by the two governments.

Beckington also complained about the agency's

system for checking on the \$3.4 billion worth of goods sent to Egypt since 1975.

"Aid had not verified the arrival in Egypt of more than \$283 million in aid-financed commodities through April 30, 1988," the report said, adding that the problem has persisted although it was mentioned in previous reports.

It also faulted aid's accounting for more than \$11 million in Egyptian currency collected from sales of medical products.

The report, submitted to Congress every six months, covered Oct. 1, 1988, to March 31 of this year.



Sudanese patrol

A Sudanese military policeman patrols on a bicycle around Khartoum's main street. (Reuters wirephoto).

Voice of dissent beaten down

NICOSIA, July 5. (Reuters): Putting harmony first in the post-Khomeini era, the main factions of Iran's leadership have united to beat down a one-man challenge from a hardline Islamic radical who accused them of turning soft.

The row is the biggest hiccup so far in a bland transition following the death last month of Ayatollah Khomeini.

But the pragmatic leadership now taking shape in Tehran has been joined by hardliners and demonstrating crowds in rejecting the dissenting voice of Member of Parliament Abdolmajid Sharpasand.

According to Tehran newspapers received in Cyprus, Sharpasand, a bearded young layman who studied theology at the holy city of Qom, told Parliament on Sunday he wished to resign his seat in disenchantedness.

Power, he said, was being monopolised by a few. The masses were being manipulated. Liberals with foreign affiliations were on the rise. Iran was drifting away from its Islamic ideals.

It was a disquieting challenge for the leading pragmatists - President Ali Khamenei,

Khomeini's successor as spiritual leader, and Parliamentary Speaker Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, who is expected to be elected President on July 28 with expanded executive powers.

Demonstrations before the Parliament building and in Karaj, Sharpasand's constituency, quickly called for acceptance of his resignation, which requires the approval of parliament.

Rafsanjani has not spoken out but Khamenei said in a public speech yesterday that "those who want to create discord and division in the solid ranks of the nation must be cast out."

The daily Kayhan urged security officials to look into the dissenting deputy's past. Two of Sharpasand's brothers were killed in the war against Iraq, making him a "relative of martyrs" - a distinction which carries weight in revolutionary Iran.

Appealing to the poor, he made extremely radical speeches against the United States, capitalists and official privileges.

Although other deputies hold similar views, no public voice has been raised in his defence.

Khashoggi appeals

BERN, Switzerland, July 5. (AP): Lawyers for Adnan Khashoggi, the jailed Saudi financier and arms dealer, have formally appealed against the US request for his extradition, a Swiss Justice Ministry spokesman said today.

Ursula Riedel said it would be at least two weeks before Swiss authorities reached a decision on whether to extradite Khashoggi, held in custody since April 18 on US charges that he helped former Philippines President Marcos and his wife, Imelda, plunder riches from the Philippines.

If the authorities approved the extradition request, Khashoggi would then have 30 days to take his appeal to the Swiss Supreme Court, the federal tribunal.

This could mean the former billionaire celebrating his 54th birthday on July 25, and possibly many weeks more, in his small jail cell in the Swiss capital.

Iraq blames Iran for stalemate

BAGHDAD, July 5. (Reuters): Iraq blamed Iran today for stalemate of their peace talks, saying Tehran did not abide by a UN ceasefire resolution.

Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz, leaving for a Rome meeting with UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar, told Iraqi News Agency "the Iranian side shoulders full responsibility for the current situation in the region."

Aziz said Iran resorted to "procrastination and deceit" instead of keeping a promise to Perez de Cuellar that it would hold face-to-face negotiations. Since a ceasefire last August ended Gulf war,

Arab informer killed in Nablus

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, July 5. (AP): An Israeli court revealed today that an Israeli charged with shooting two Palestinians at a junction near Tel Aviv was a Jewish seminary student who was free on bail after being arrested in the slaying of a 13-year-old Arab girl.

In the West Bank city of Nablus, Palestinians killed one fellow Arab and tortured another with razor blades and lighted cigarettes after accusing both of collaborating with Israeli authorities, hospital officials and Arab reports said.

The body of Jamil Al Kadoumi, 32, was found in the Nablus Casbah this morning. His skull had been crushed and his hands were tied behind his back, the reports said. The man was taken from his house by masked youths overnight, his family said.

Doctors in a Nablus hospital said a 17-year-old, Anjad Naanesh, had razor cuts, cigarette burns all over his body after masked youths abducted him from his home last night, both his arms and legs were broken.

The two victims were suspected of collaborating with Israel's Shin Bet secret police, Palestinians said.

The attacks in Nablus came less than a day after Palestinians killed Khalil Ata Najjar, 47, a money changer who disobeyed orders from the underground leadership of the uprising to sell currency at a fixed price.

"The deaths in Nablus brought to at least 542 the number of Palestinians killed in the nearly 19-month uprising against Israeli rule in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip. Twenty-three Israelis also have been killed in the unrest."

The latest leaflet of the Unified National Leadership of the uprising said: "The UNLU calls on the money changers to sell the currencies at one price." Money changers in Nablus did not open for business today in fear of attacks, Palestinians said.

In Tel Aviv, a magistrate's court lifted a gag order on publishing the name of a Jewish settler who confessed to shooting and wounding two Arab workers at a bus stop on June 20, Army radio said.

The settler, Rafi Solomon, 23, is among eight students of Joseph's tomb seminary arrested in connection with an armed attack on Palestinians in the West Bank village of Kif Harith on May 29 in which a girl was killed and one other Palestinian wounded.

The head of the Palestinian Writers' Association in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, Assad Al Assad, was detained by Israeli troops for refusing a soldier's order to paint over pro-PLO graffiti painted on the wall outside his house, Arab reports said today.

An Israeli military court jailed a Lebanese communist for 20 years today for attacks on the Israeli-backed South Lebanon Army (SLA) militia in southern Lebanon.

Kaid Mohamed Bandar, 22, was convicted of attacking the Gulf war ceasefire, yielding rich finds from the era 2,000 years ago when the powerful Assyrian empire dominated the Middle East.

The upsurge comes as President Saddam Hussein's government seeks to bolster Iraq's image through excavation and rebuilding at sites like Babylon that symbolize the nation's historical greatness.

Iraq includes much of the "fertile crescent" of ancient Mesopotamia where early rulers developed efficient armies and sophisticated city administrations that rivalled the Pharaohs' Egypt.

Ruined temples and palaces adorned with colossal stone sculptures, archives of inscribed clay tablets, delicate goldwork and ivory carvings illustrate the importance of early Iraqi civilization.

To help build morale during the eight-year war with Iran, the government recalled Assyrian and Babylonian victories in the first millennium BC against the ancient Persians, portrayed as unscrupulous aggressors.

Although the Gulf war was halted by a United Nations-mediated ceasefire last August, history is still being promoted, underscoring Saddam's drive to boost Iraq's role in the Arab world.

In addition to the Iraqi teams, archaeologists from the United States, Britain, Poland, West Germany, the Netherlands and Japan were digging around the country earlier this year. Most will resume work in the fall.

Saddam also agreed in recent talks in Baghdad with a group of American businessmen that a selection of ancient Iraqi treasures would tour the United States.

"It's clear there's more than scholarship involved in all this promotion of archaeology... but the recent finds have been spectacular," said a Western

archaeologist, speaking on condition of anonymity. New excavations at three sites in the Assyrian heartland of northern Iraq have unearthed a gold-filled royal tomb dating from the 8th century BC, as well as imposing sculpture and architectural remains.

At Nimrud, the Assyrian military capital 250 miles (400 kilometres) north of Baghdad, Iraqi archaeologists found a stone chamber where two women were buried along with more than 44 pounds (25 kilograms) of gold jewellery.

Muzahim Mahmoud, the dig director, said it was "the richest Assyrian burial known."

A stone inscription in the tomb in wedge-shaped cuneiform writing identified the women as Yabaya and Taliya, possibly the daughter and granddaughter of King Sargon who ruled an empire that stretched from the Gulf to the Mediterranean.

The inscription also laid a curse on anyone who opened the burial chamber.

"If anyone lays his hands on my tomb or opens my grave, I pray to the gods of the nether world that his soul should roam in the scorching sun after death... Let the ghost of insomnia take hold of him for ever and ever," it said.

The gold jewellery included diadems, necklaces, belts, bracelets, anklets and 50 pairs of earrings, as well as a bronze mirror with an enamel handle encrusted in precious stones.

At Nineveh, the Assyrians' administrative capital, another Iraqi team unearthed a stone door carved with four lions that was part of the city's fortifications in its last days.

They also found arrowheads and skeletons of Assyrian warriors who may have died during a siege by the Babylonians and Medes. Nineveh fell in 612 BC after holding out for two months and was destroyed.

Likud endorses Shamir's plan

Hardline conditions accepted

TEL AVIV, July 5. (Reuters): Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's Likud Party overwhelmingly endorsed his plan for Palestinian elections in the occupied territories today after he adopted hardline conditions sought by his rightist critics.

The 2,600 members of the party's central committee approved the initiative on a show of hands after Shamir vowed Israel would never negotiate with the PLO, allow a Palestinian state or stop Jewish settlement in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

To cheers and rhythmic applause at a central committee meeting, Shamir declared Jerusalem was not negotiable and would remain Israel's eternal and undivided capital.

Palestinians in Israeli-annexed East Jerusalem would not be allowed to participate in the proposed poll to choose Arab delegates to negotiate limited self-rule with Israel, he said.

His pledges drew wild ovation and singing but political commentators said they could make the Israeli initiative unacceptable to the United States, the Palestinians and Arab countries.

In a warning to Washington, Shamir declared: "We tell our friends in the United States, the contacts they are conducting with the PLO are a serious mistake and will in the future damage our interests and theirs, and chances for an agreement."

After weeks of bitter wrangling between the 73-year-old premier and his rivals, spearheaded by hawkish Trade and Industry Minister Ariel Sharon, the party meeting was over in less than an hour with no public dissent.

The outcome preserved Likud Party unity and quashed challenges to Shamir's leadership but could cause a crisis with his Labour Party coalition partners.

"We have not moved and we will not move from the basic principles acceptable to all in Israel - an arrangement with the Arabs of Judea and Samaria (the West Bank), yes, but no negotiations with the PLO," the premier said.

"Giving the Arabs of Judea and Samaria and Gaza a chance to conduct their affairs in the framework of autonomy, yes, but a Palestinian Arab state - never."

Shamir also said 19 months of anti-Israeli Palestinian violence would have to end before elections could be held.

The emotionally-charged session began nearly two hours late after Shamir and Sharon, in the tradition of Likud Party theatrics, exchanged charges of treachery in radio interviews and wrangled over procedure.

Apart from Shamir, only Deputy Premier David Levy made a brief speech to the meeting, urging the party to unite around the conditions spelled out by the prime minister.

The key principles in the resolution adopted by the central committee were:

- continuing the peace initiative according to the 1978 (Israeli-Egyptian) Camp David accords and the government's recent peace proposals
- non-participation of East

Jerusalem Arabs in the proposed elections

- crushing terror and violence before negotiations begin with the Arabs
- continued (Jewish) settlement in Judea, Samaria and Gaza
- no foreign sovereignty for any part of the land of Israel
- no Palestinian state in the land of Israel
- no negotiations with "terrorist organisations (such as) the PLO."

It was not immediately clear whether Shamir would seek to make the conditions binding on his government.

Egyptian President Mubarak has asked Israel to clarify its plan for Palestinian elections in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said.

The Jerusalem Post described the 10 points as conditions, including a halt to Jewish settlement in the occupied territories and agreement to trade occupied land for peace.

In Cairo, Foreign Ministry officials said Egypt had asked Israel for clarification of its election proposals but had not sent a list of conditions.

Calling 'crook' denied

OTTAWA, July 5. (Agencies): The Canadian government denied yesterday a published report that Prime Minister Brian Mulroney called Palestinian Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat "a terrorist and a crook" in talks last week with Israeli President Chaim Herzog.

The Jerusalem Post cited Israeli Foreign Ministry sources for Mulroney's remarks about Arafat.

The Toronto Star reported that a member of the Israeli delegation in Ottawa confirmed that Mulroney said "some very nasty things" about Arafat.

Canadian External Affairs Minister Joe Clark, in a brief statement, said he participated in the meeting between Mulroney and Herzog and "the prime minister had said no such thing."

In occupied Jerusalem, Herzog spokesman Giora Porges said "the president does not remember hearing this kind of expression from the prime minister of Canada."

Herzog, the first Israeli head of state to visit Canada, arrived on June 26 for a five-day state visit to reaffirm ties and discuss Israel's Middle East peace initiative.



Sharon (left) leaves prime minister's office after a last minute attempt by Shamir to stave off efforts by Sharon to force changes in the Palestinian election plan. (Reuters wirephoto)

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Sheikh Zayed will be received upon his arrival at Victoria Railway Station, Central London, by the Queen, members of the royal family and British political leaders.

During his visit, the first of its kind, he will be staying at Buckingham Palace, according to the official programme released this afternoon.

Haj security

TUNIS, July 5. (KUNA): Saudi Arabia has taken all necessary measures to ensure success of this year's haj (pilgrimage) season, said Saudi Second Deputy Premier, Defence and Aviation Minister Prince Sultan Bin Abdul Aziz.

Sultan, in a statement to Tunisian newspaper Al Horriyah published here today, added that this year's preparations for pilgrims are better than those of the previous years.

He affirmed the intention of the Saudi authorities to apply the sharia (Islamic law) against anyone who might disturb the pilgrimage season.

Baker to visit Oman

MUSCAT, July 5. (KUNA): American Secretary of State James Baker will pay an official visit to the Sultanate of Oman next Saturday, the first visit of its kind by him to an Arab state, the Omani News Agency announced.

Baker will meet with Omani Deputy Premier for Security and Defence Fahd Ben Talmour and Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Yusuf Al Alawi Abdullah, the agency said yesterday.

ONA did not mention if Baker will meet with Sultan Qaboos Bin Said.

Official resigns

THE HAGUE, July 5. (Reuters): Iran's chief representative to the Iran-US claims tribunal said today he was stepping down in order to represent Iran in its case against the United States over the downing of an Iranian airliner last July.

Mohammed Karim Eshragh, 43, has been with the tribunal since it was set up eight years ago to handle bilateral financial disputes arising from the Iranian revolution.

MIDEAST BRIEFS

Traffickers seized

NICOSIA, Cyprus, July 5. (AP): Six Afghan drug traffickers were arrested today as they tried to smuggle 600 kilograms (1,323 pounds) of narcotics into Iran, Tehran radio reported.

The broadcast, monitored in Nicosia, said the six men were part of a ring that planned to push 9 tonnes of drugs into Iran across the borders with Afghanistan.

It said some amounts, other than the shipment confiscated today, already have entered the southeast Sistan-Baluchistan province for forwarding to the capital, but it did not specify the amount.

Drug baron gives up

NICOSIA, July 5. (Reuters): Iran said today a drug smuggler had turned himself in with 80 tonnes of opium, twice the country's average annual drug haul.

The Iranian news agency IRNA quoted senior anti-drug officer Mokhtar Kalantari as saying the man had surrendered in the central city of Yazd. It gave no other details.

Kalantari told IRNA that the American Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) obtained finance from world-wide drug sales.

Saudi aid for PLO

NICOSIA, July 5. (Reuters): Saudi Arabia gave the Palestine Liberation Organisation \$6.02 million yesterday to support the Palestinian uprising in Israeli-occupied territories, a PLO official said.

Riyadh has paid the PLO \$850 million over the past 10 years under terms of pledges by Arab countries to help the PLO and Arab states on the frontline of conflict with Israel.

King Fahd of Saudi Arabia ordered the additional sum of \$6 million during 1989 to help the PLO finance the 18-month-old uprising.

WFP aid

ROME, July 5. (Reuters): The World Food Programme of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation said today that it was sending \$8 million in emergency food aid to Lebanon, Malawi, Somalia and Uganda.

The food will help families displaced by the Lebanese civil war, Mozambican refugees in Malawi, Ethiopian refugees in Somalia and the hungry in western Uganda.

Endangered turtles

NICOSIA, July 5. (Reuters): Conservation experts met in Nicosia yesterday for the first conference on saving the Mediterranean's endangered turtles.

"We'll be trying to collect all the information that is available... and to agree on an action plan to protect Mediterranean marine turtles," Cyprus Fisheries Department Chief Andreas Demetropoulos told Reuters.

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PAAET training courses for public employees

Participants mostly Kuwaitis

THE director of the Training, Planning and Co-ordination Department at the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training, Mansour Al Mishal, has said that a total of 46 on-the-job training programmes have been organised for government employees this year in which 858 employees participated.

He told a local daily that 88 per cent of the total number of participants in the

training courses were Kuwaitis and the 14 additional courses were organised to meet urgent labour market requirements in various administrative, financial, social, economic and technological fields.

Target
Mishal added that the primary target of the courses was to upgrade and update professional knowledge so that the participants could play a greater role in the

ongoing administrative development process, and that the programmes were implemented under the supervision of specialists from Kuwait University, KISR and other academic and scientific establishments in the country.

Meanwhile, the department has issued a report in which it listed the achievements of the department in the field of training, which included the total number of train-

ing courses developed over the years, showed increasing interest in on-the-job training programmes and the increase in the pre-planned technical training programmes.

Growth
The achievements included steady growth in the number of beneficiaries from training and a steady increase in Kuwaiti participants at these programmes.



New ferry service

The chairman and managing director of Kuwait Public Transport Company (KPTC), Abdul Wahab Al Harooni is all smiles at the launching of a new ferry service from the Shaab Yacht Club to the Kuwait Towers.

Traditional architecture for ministry complexes

THE head of architectural branch at the design department of the Ministry of Public Works, Fatima Naser Al Sabah has said that the department is specialising in studying and recommending designs of different vital construction projects of ministries and government establishments.

The architectural branch provides plans and interior decoration of these projects based on the basic style of Kuwaiti environment and Islamic architecture. Architectural designs of many buildings and schools are provided to the Education Ministry, youths centres and social welfare centres for handicapped for the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour, mosques and residence buildings of Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs and different buildings of the Interior Ministry. The branch is supervising designs of the Water Front Project (5th Stage), Vegetables & Fish Market and theatres for the Information Ministry, the official said.

She pointed out that Kuwaiti architects design buildings conceptually from Kuwait's old environment. They endeavour to incorporate Kuwaiti traditions in their designs such as different arches.

Weather forecasts defended

July, hottest month in Kuwait

JULY is the hottest month in Kuwait and average temperatures recorded during this period in the last 30 years range between 29 degrees Centigrade in the night and 45 during the day, acting director of the Meteorological Department, Riyadh Al Sania said.

The official added that the maximum temperature recorded was 50.66 degrees Centigrade during some days of July. He explained that sand storms are considered natural during this month in Kuwait especially when north west winds are blowing.

Temperatures in any country are recorded from a thermometer that is fixed in a wooden box at the height of 120 cm from the ground and away from direct sunlight. This is translated to mean that the temperature announced each day is the actual temperature recorded in the shade, the meteorologist said.

The official said that Kuwait has a scarcity of meteorological stations. The station at the international airport is the main meteorological station which monitors weather conditions round the clock. All staff employed at the meteorological department are well trained and highly qualified professionals. The official advocated introducing marine observatories in Kuwait.

Sania pointed out that the department uses the latest equipment in recording temperature and observing the different aspects of weather. We also intend to use computers in drawing maps and urgent statistics, the official said. The department appoints Kuwaiti youths who hold the Secondary School Certificate after passing a two-year training course at the air navigation institute of the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training. The department also welcomes Kuwaiti youths who hold university degrees (meteorology major) and undergo training prior to starting work. Some of the Kuwaiti cadres of the department are sent abroad to get advanced training courses for limited periods, he said.

Services
He added that most services offered by the department are directed to serve and ensure the safety of air navigation. The airport is furnished with all meteorological information every half hour. The department also provides pilots with maps and all details of weather conditions they are likely to encounter during their flights. The department also provides the local media with the daily meteorological bulletin including the temperatures recorded in capitals of the world.

Study on Kuwaiti oyster beds

THE Department of Marine Culture and Fish Resources at the Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research is conducting a survey study aimed at mapping and identifying concentrations of pearl oysters in Kuwaiti territorial waters, in co-operation with the Public Authority for Agriculture Affairs and Fish Resources.

The study will involve measuring the pearl oyster density percentages, identification of oyster mating seasons and reproduction rates and preparation of an initial economic feasibility study for manufacturing artificial pearls in Kuwait.

Dr Sulaiman Mattar, a researcher at the department, said that the study will also include collec-

tion of biological data on the oyster in order to determine the effect of marine pollutants, unguided oyster-hunting techniques and other factors believed detrimental to oyster life.

He said that the Public Authority for Agriculture Affairs and Fish Resources will not only participate in the study but provide financial support as well.

Government guest houses moved

KUWAIT, July 5, (KUNA): Director of Public Guest House at the Ministry of Finance Siham Al Khorafi chaired a meeting yesterday that brought together public relations officers at the various ministries and institutions.

An authoritative source told KUNA that the meeting agreed to move the government guest house in Rigga area to Mesilah Beach Hotel.

Move to upgrade dentists

HEAD of the dentistry services development section at the Ministry of Public Health Dr Abdul Razzak Al Nafisi said that the section was established to develop the professional performance of dentists and nurses working in the ministry's clinics and to encourage dentists to undertake scientific research to develop prevention and treatment methods in dentistry.

Training

The section is comprised of two units — one for training and the other for research. The training unit organised several training courses in different fields of dentistry. The research unit aims at encouraging dentists to conduct scientific research and studies which are forwarded to the Kuwait Institute for Medical Specialisations for approval. The section organises lectures for dentists on research methods and data analysis. It also organises seminars on the engineering design of dentistry clinics, radiation prevention and gum diseases, Nafisi said.

The official said the continuous efforts are being made to upgrade the professional level of dentists and added that his section will develop programmes of nursing services at dentistry clinics.

Sabahiya residents criticise services

A NUMBER of people in Sabahiya have criticised that certain public services lacked due attention from relevant government authorities, according to a local daily.

Ali Nazzal said that the existing clinic offered good services, but the only problem was crowding, which required more doctors to meet the demand of area inhabitants for medical attention.

He said that Sabahiya and Ahmadi co-operative societies provided excellent services and prices were reasonable, however the area provided no recreational or play facilities for children, and required landscaping in almost every location.

Nazzal said that more police patrols were required in the area to control motorists from skidding off and threatening the lives of youngsters playing in the streets.

He added that the area required a garden where children could play safely and spend their leisure time during the summer recess.

Hadeeb Shaiel Nassar said that the existing banks offices were too small to meet the demand of locals, who reluctantly had to return to other offices in different areas.

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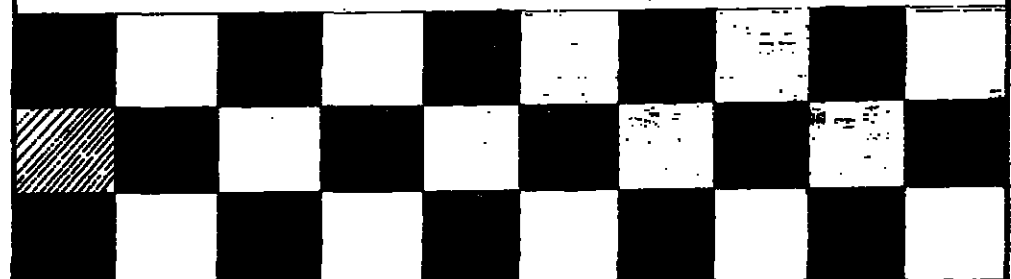
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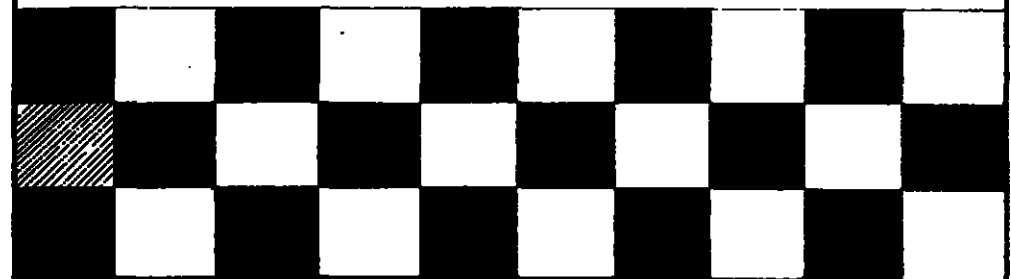
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BAHRAIN DIGEST

Bahrain poised for slowdown

ALL commercial activities in Bahrain are poised once again to slowdown considerably with the beginning of the long hot summer months. Summer here usually starts toward the end of May and lasts until the end of October. The period between July-September is the peak of hot weather with extremely high humidity and temperatures averaging 36 degrees Celsius. This period in particular experiences a general slack in trade and commerce in all sectors and other strenuous occupations. Business comes to a halt in most cases as employers and workers usually take their annual vacations, for this is also the period of holidays for most people.

During the last few weeks there has been a frantic rush for holiday bookings and travel arrangements by nationals and expatriates alike to all parts of the globe. Because of the forthcoming Eid holidays most expatriates are going home to their respective countries. Consequently, there has been large scale bookings for the Indian sub-continent. It has been reported that flights at all major airlines for destinations like India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and UK have no seats available for the next couple of months. Some airlines have introduced additional and larger aircraft to accommodate extra passengers and to cope with the heavy demand.

Bahrainis traditionally proceed to popular summer destinations with their families such as Cyprus, Europe and the Far East during this period. While there is a large number of out-bound passengers from Bahrain, a considerable number of in-bound visitors also arrive in the island to spend their summer vacation. Most of these tourists comprise of mainly other Gulf nationals and their families. Hotels, service-flats and other forms of accommodation are fully occupied as a result.

Visitors as well as the rest of the local residents who remain in the country during the summer months invariably indulge in a host of recreational and leisure activities in the luxury hotels, clubs and holiday resorts.



Three ambassadors present credentials

HH the Amir yesterday received the credentials of the new ambassadors of the Republic of Cuba, the Republic of Korea and the Republic of Mauritius respectively.



The ceremony which was held at Bayan Palace was attended by State Minister for Foreign Affairs, Undersecretary of the Amir Diwan and commander of the Amir Guard.



Premier chairs housing meeting

Memorandum reviewed

KUWAIT, July 5, (KUNA): HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah today chaired a meeting of the Higher Housing Council.

Following the meeting, the council's Secretary Dr Ibrahim Majed Al Shaheen told KUNA that the council got acquainted with its agenda and ratified the minutes of the previous session.

The meeting also reviewed a memorandum presented by the National Housing Authority on the first batch of apartments in the Sawabir Complex, which have been distributed to some Kuwaiti families recently and how to manage its public facilities, joint services and the legal system of ownership of these flats, Shaheen said.

He added that the council also reviewed a memorandum by the authority on the land plots to be allocated in the upcoming 1990-1991 and 1994-1995 plans.

He pointed out that the council decided to arrange a high level meeting under chairmanship of HH the Crown Prince and Premier, Chairman of the Higher Council in the presence of concerned ministers and committee's heads to discuss the Five-Year Plan issue.

He indicated that the council reviewed a study presented by the Economic Committee of the Higher Planning Council on strengthening the private sector's role in contributing to the provision of housing facilities and consider results of the joint meeting held by the planning council and the policy-drafting committee.

The flow of work of various housing studies conducted by Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research (KISR) were also reviewed.

KAC staff disappointed with low bonus

Profits exceeded KD10 million

KUWAIT AIRWAYS staff say they are disappointed with the low percentage of bonus granted to them this year.

KAC had informed its employees they would get a bonus for Eid Al Adha because of the large profit made in the last fiscal year.

The KAC Workers Union, in a statement to the press, has said that they are dissatisfied with the "manner in which

the KAC administration has decided to distribute the bonus to its employees."

The union has been asking for a higher bonus. The statement said: "We tried to convince the administration to increase the bonus this year, particularly because KAC made profits exceeding KD10 million."

"We are surprised when they announce

the percentage of bonus, which is less than the previous years when the corporation made smaller profits. This is against logic," it said.

The Workers Union of KAC has been demanding a hike in bonus and to give bonuses to trainees, who now get bonuses. But the management has rejected calls for increasing the bonus.

The bonus is calculated on graded per-

formance reports.

Expressing "deep dissatisfaction," the statement said that the Workers Union is determined to continue their attempt to get justice for KAC employees.

It said they are confident that the increase in the profit over the years would be reflected in "giving more rewards" to the employees, whose efforts have resulted in profits for the corporation.

Accidents cost more than 1pc of GNP

31.6pc killed are Kuwaitis

By Mahmoud Morsi

THE increase in the number of accidents of various types in Kuwait and resulting casualties costs the country more than 1 per cent of the Gross National Product, according to a senior Health Ministry official.

Head of the Health Statistics Section at the Ministry of Health, Dr Kamel Al Saleh said that accidents and casualties resulting from it, translate into many more patients entering the hospital, thus increasing the costs of medical care.

In a study prepared by Saleh, he said that the rate of deaths resulting from accidents in Kuwait is double that existing in other countries like the UK. This he said, necessitates the need for more concern to be paid to this problem, being an important social, economic and health problem. He stressed that the various types of accidents form a big burden on any country's economy. He added that accidents cause loss of life, human miseries, financial liabilities including costs of treatment, police services and losses resulting from reduced man-hours of work.

For Brown, it was an excellent opportunity to work with people in Kuwait who are seeking to improve education and traditions.

Hundreds of Kuwaitis have chosen Britain for higher education. Brown feels there is always a gap in the official statistics and the actual numbers who studied in the UK. However, he believes between 600 and 700 students from Kuwait have gone for higher education in Britain in the last four years.

A modest person, he shies from taking any credit for promoting cultural and educational ties between the two countries.

He has, however, strived for generally improving the scope of cultural co-operation between Kuwait and Britain, and particularly in education. "I make no personal claims," he said, praising the "knowledge and experience" of the British Council staff.

There are more exchanges through the British Council than there were four years ago; the importance is not in the number of exchanges, but how much they contribute over a period of time, he added.

He joined the British Council in 1967. Before that he was in the Education Service in Uganda. He has also served in Tanzania, Nigeria and Tunisia. Kuwait was his last foreign posting.

After a fulfilling career, he has no regrets about joining the British Council and coming to Kuwait.

He said: "I shall be sorry to be leaving."

He expressed thanks and best wishes to friends in Kuwait whom he has not been able to see personally to say goodbye. He leaves Kuwait for the UK immediately after the Eid holidays.

Saleh also called for the establishment of a research centre for accidents to study solutions to the various types of accidents in a bid to reduce rates of accidents in Kuwait. He also called for improving first aid services, which promptly and efficiently administered, can reduce the effect of injuries and also called for improving the services at the casualties departments at hospitals. The study called for teaching a subject on public safety and traffic safety at schools. It called for punishing reckless drivers and for encouraging Kuwaiti doctors to obtain post graduate degrees in casualty medicine.

Saleh emphasised in his study that man is mainly responsible for Accidents and can positively contribute to their reduction. He demanded that the name of Safety Society for the Prevention of Road accidents, should be without "Road" so to give it a generalised connotation.

Speaking about the statistics he obtained from the Kuwaiti hospitals, Saleh said that 2,245 patients were admitted to hospitals in Kuwait because of accidents in the first three months of this year. The maximum number was in March while the minimum was in February. It said that the number of deaths caused by accidents during the three months, was 157, constituting 12.1 per cent of the number of deaths recorded during the same period in Kuwait.

The study added that deaths resulting from traffic accidents formed 58.6 per cent of all deaths caused by accidents. Deaths from burns formed 6.4 per cent from falls 5.7 per cent, accidents during medical care and surgery 5.1 per cent, poisoning 4.5 per cent, deaths resulting from other forms of violence formed 3.8 per cent and suicide 0.6 per cent while 10.8 per cent of deaths resulted from other accidents.

In accordance with the number of accidents during the same

period, the study found that 43.7 per cent resulted from house accidents, 35.8 per cent traffic, 11.3 per cent of accidents occurred in public places, 8.3 per cent at work and 0.8 per cent through criminal intent. The study said that 31.6 per cent of the persons injured or killed were Kuwaitis, 33.9 per cent Arabs, 16.6 per cent non-Arabs, and 17.9 per cent non-Kuwaitis (without nationality). It added that males formed 66.9 per cent of the number of persons affected by accidents while females formed 33.1 per cent.

The study said that children below 15 years old affected by accidents formed 37.2 per cent of the total number. Of these, 2.6 per cent were children below one year, 16.3 per cent were children between 1-4 years, and 18.3 per cent were children between 5-14 years of age. Persons from 15-24 years formed 20.1 per cent of those injured or killed in accidents, while 18.6 per cent were between 25-34 years, 11 per cent between 35-44 years while those over 45 years comprised 13.1 per cent.

The study added that 25 per cent of accident victims were admitted to Farwaniya Hospital.

There were 15.1 per cent in Adan Hospital, 8.9 per cent in Razi and 3.7 per cent in Sabah Hospital, all due to traffic accidents. Home accidents formed 46.8 per cent among Kuwaitis and traffic accidents 38.4 per cent while work accidents only 2.3 per cent. Among Arabs, home accidents topped the list with 44 per cent, traffic accidents 33.4 per cent and work accidents 22.8 per cent. Also, among non-Kuwaitis, (without nationality) home accidents formed 44.9 per cent, traffic accidents 36.7 per cent and work accidents 4.2 per cent.

Concerning non-Arab expatriates, work accidents accounted for 38 per cent, traffic accidents with 31.4 per cent and home accidents 30.6 per cent.

Meeting ended Iraq-Kuwait trade

BAGHDAD, July 5, (KUNA): Meetings of the Technical Committee, an affiliate of the joint Iraqi-Kuwaiti committee for trade, customs and transit affairs, ended here last night.

Iraq News Agency said that the two sides signed the joint minutes including the holding of Iraqi exhibition in Kuwait in the second half of November, and a Kuwaiti exhibition in Baghdad in the first week of December.

The agency added that the two sides have agreed on the exchange of the facilities will help the success of direct selling in the two states, and on holding of seminars and meetings among the officials in the Chambers of Commerce and Industry to boost co-operation between the two countries in different fields.

The minutes were signed by the Director of Arab Relations in Iraqi Commerce Ministry and Director General of Trade Relations in Kuwait, Ministry of Trade and Industry Badr Abdul Rahim.

Crucial, demanding job Air controllers are special breed: official

By Nashat Al Agha

DIRECTOR of the Air Navigation Department at the General Department for Civil Aviation, Engineer Issa Hassan Abdullah stressed the importance of air controllers in guiding airplanes and in preventing the occurrence of navigational disasters.

He pointed out that the Air Navigation Department is applying the latest state-of-the-art technology in the aviation world, and is in constant communication with neighbouring international airports.

Regarding the department specialists, Abdullah said that the department undertakes several important functions related to airport movements to prevent airplanes crashes on the ground. This includes airplanes attached to mechanical and visual rules of aviation in a ten miles radius circle centred at Kuwait International Airport.

The department plays a crucial role in the inspection of runways and branch passways concerning cleanliness and feasibility. It is considered a control and communication centre to facilitate movements between the control bridge and working maintenance teams at the airport.

He said that the department controls and organises aviation movement in air passways to prevent crashes between departing, arriving and passing airplanes. This operation is being conducted with the co-operation of the wireless control and the aviation control of other countries.

The department links Kuwait International Airport with the other airports via telecommunication networks. It also participates in and organises rescue

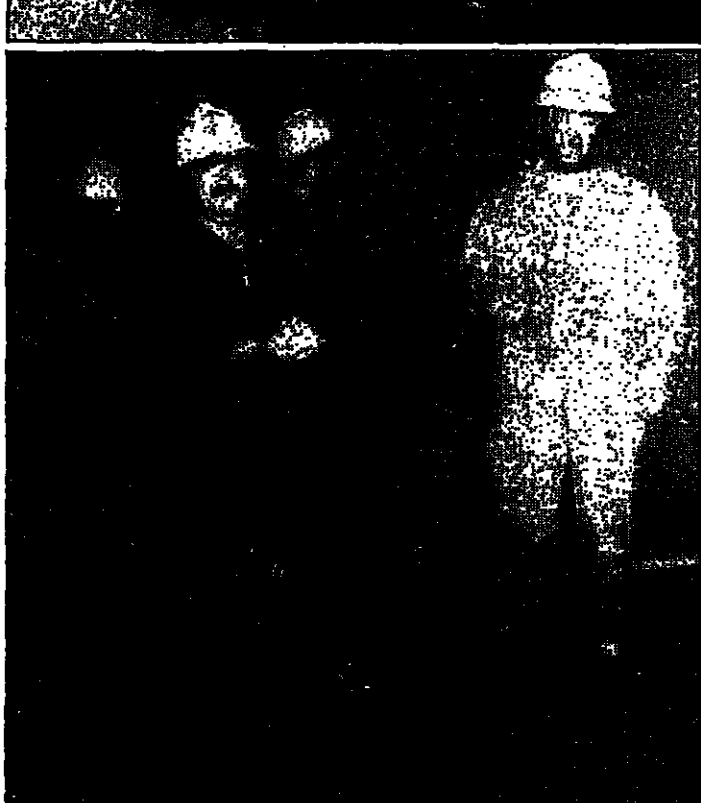
and search operations.

He pointed out that the department preserves documents, books, reports and films published by the International Civil Aviation Organisation and other authorities.

The department includes the Aviation Control Section, the Aviation Information Control, the Communications Control and the Ground Guidance Section. These sections and controls apply a large number of modern instruments like the Ultra High Frequency communications instrument, an advanced network for stationery communication, direct telephone networks with neighbouring airports, navigational equipment and special devices for automatic approach and landing.

Abdullah pointed out that each country has the right to conduct aviation control operation inside its territorial limits. Communications between pilots and air controllers is done from a 200 miles radius. Other communications may be conducted directly between the airport and longer distances also between the pilot and the communication section of other countries and before the airplane enters Kuwait control limits.

Regarding duties of air controllers and workers working at other navigational sections, Abdullah said that unfortunately, most people in Kuwait view them as ordinary employees. He added that some countries, comprehensive training programmes are organised for air controllers and navigational officers to go along with the latest developments in the field of air navigation. He explained that their job is considered very crucial.



Firemen take a breather while battling the fire and (below) charred sacks of foodstuff. Pictures by Amer Jadid.

Fire breaks out at food stores

KUWAIT, July 5, (KUNA): Fire broke out in food stores in Shuwaikh Industrial area this afternoon, according to the fire department.

Sources said four fire teams rushed to the scene and still were trying to put off the fire which broke out at 13:45 local time.

The incident was the second in less than 24 hours in the area.

Fire broke out in a carpentry shop yesterday evening causing material damage to a warehouse and an aluminium factory.

Commander of Shuwaikh and Farwaniya area Captain

Hameed Bahman told KUNA that there were no casualties in the fire which started in the workshop and extended to the factory and the warehouse.

He attributed the cause of fire to electrical short-circuit according to preliminary information.

Captain Bahman said a joint committee from Ministry of the Interior and Firebrigade Department would be set up today to investigate the incident.

Three firebrigades teams took part in extinguishing the conflagration which was managed in 90 minutes.

Kuwait's GNP per capita among highest

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cent in 1972. The overall surplus in terms of the percentage of GNP in 1987 was 23.5 per cent compared to 17.4 per cent in 1972.

The statistical data published by the World Bank report also shows that the average annual nominal growth rate of Kuwait's monetary holdings dropped from 17.8 per cent in the period 1965-80 to 5.6 per cent in the period 1980-1987. The average annual inflation — known as GDP

deflator 1980-1987 was placed at minus 4.6.

The average annual growth rate of exports of Kuwait in the period between 1980-87 was minus 3.2 per cent and for imports it was minus 5.5 per cent. The average growth of overall trade dropped from 92 in 1985 to 34 in 1987.

Concerning Kuwait's imports, the World Bank data shows that food imports was 16 per cent of total imports, other primary commodities was three per cent while imports of

machinery and transport equipment was 39 per cent. Other manufactures totalled 42 per cent of the country's imports.

As far as official development assistance, the World Bank figures show that Kuwait is one of the highest in the world, surpassed among the OAPEC countries only by Saudi Arabia.

During 1987, Kuwait's official development assistance is put by the World Bank at \$316 million. This compares with \$2,888 million by

Saudi Arabia, \$19 million by the UAE, \$4 million by Qatar, and \$76 by Libya.

In terms of population growth and projections, the World Bank statistical report puts Kuwait's average annual growth at 4.5 per cent in the period between 1980 and 1987 (compared to 7.1 per cent between 1965 and 1980). The projection for the period between 1987 and 2000 for Kuwait's population is placed at 3.1 per cent.

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Thought for today

WIT is the salt of conversation, not the food — William Hazlitt, English writer (1778-1830).



King Hassan's grip on power and personal popularity is acknowledged even by political opponents who have tried to overthrow him and now call him 'The Great Survivor'.

'The Great Survivor'

King Hassan secure at 60

KING Hassan of Morocco, survivor of coups, uprisings and assassination attempts, is more secure than ever as he nears his 60th birthday on Sunday after nearly three decades on the throne of one of the world's oldest monarchies.

"When I ascended the throne, people said I would not last more than six months," King Hassan recalled on the 25th anniversary of his accession three years ago.

But his grip on power and personal popularity among the people is acknowledged even by political opponents who have tried to overthrow him. They all call him "the great survivor."

The longest-reigning monarch in Africa, he survived coup attempts by the military in 1971 and 1972, a left-wing uprising in 1973, and several assassination bids.

He recently won over his two most implacable foreign foes, Libya and Algeria, who for decades had supported subversion against him.

Washington was astounded in August 1984 when he signed a treaty of union with Muammar Khaddafi knowing the Libyan leader had backed Moroccan coup plotters.

In May 1988, he surprised the world again when relations were restored with neighbouring Algeria, which had backed Polisario guerrillas fighting Morocco since 1976 in Western Sahara.

Reconciliation with his former North African enemies paved the way for the realisation of an old dream — the Arab Maghreb Union, set up in February in Marrakesh.

King Hassan is the first president of the union linking Algeria, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco and Tunisia in a common market aiming to mirror the European Economic Community.

The pro-Western king has been able to reassert himself in the Arab world after angering radicals like Syria and Libya in 1986 by meeting the then Israeli Prime Minister, Shimon Peres.

"He brought Egypt back into the Arab fold when he hosted the Arab summit in Casablanca (in May) and that means he has greatly reinforced the moderate camp," a Western diplomat said.

The summit set up a tripartite committee under King Hassan to end 14 years of civil war in Lebanon. The other members are King Fahd of Saudi Arabia and Algerian President Chadli Benjedid.

"You can say it enhances his prestige as a responsible politician," the diplomat said.

King Hassan's determination not to be swayed over Western Sahara appears to be paying off and a peaceful settlement of the desert conflict is in sight after over 13 years of war.

Since both sides accepted a United Nations peace plan in August 1988, guerrilla action has eased with no serious fighting reported for over seven months.

King Hassan has no doubts about Morocco's rights to the Western Sahara. On this issue he said he was "as comfortable as in a rocking chair."

Former French Foreign Minister Michel Jobert told the French magazine *Arabies* King Hassan was "incisive, pugnacious, even moving, solid and in any case imperturbable."

Former US secretary of state George Schultz called him "a very sophisticated gentleman."

"Morocco's monarchy is solid. It is solid and will remain so, because it represents a dialogue of 14 centuries between Moroccan sovereigns and their people," he once told journalists.

The 25 million Moroccans revere him as Amir Al Moumineen or commander of the faithful, a descendant of the holy Prophet Mohammed, (PBUH), the country's religious and temporal leader.

(Rabat — Reuters)

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1535 — Sir Thomas More is executed in England for treason.
- 1573 — Pacification of Boulogne ends fourth war of religion in France.
- 1699 — Captain William Kidd, the pirate, is taken into custody at Boston, Massachusetts. He later is hanged in England.
- 1747 — France and Spain break combined blockade of British fleet and troops of Austria's Maria Theresa at Genoa, Italy.
- 1771 — Russian fleet, with British sailors as officers, defeat Turkish navy at Tchesme, Turkey.
- 1782 — British and French fleets battle off Madras, India.
- 1809 — Pope Pius VII, having excommunicated Napoleon Bonaparte, is taken prisoner by French.
- 1827 — Treaty of London, under which Russia, Britain and France recognize autonomy of Greece and agree to force truce on Sultan of Turkey.
- 1908 — Young Turks under Niaz Bey stage revolt at Resina in Macedonia, and government troops which are sent to quell the riot desert.
- 1919 — British dirigible lands at New York's Roosevelt Field marking first crossing of Atlantic Ocean by an airship.
- 1923 — Union of Soviet Socialist Republics is formed.
- 1945 — Nicaragua becomes first nation to accept formally United Nations charter.
- 1964 — Nyasaland protectorate, renamed Malawi, becomes independent within British Commonwealth.
- 1972 — South Vietnamese capture Communist-occupied Quang Tri City.
- 1986 — Two Australians are hanged in Malaysia for drug trafficking, said to be first Westerners executed under Malaysia's strict drug laws.
- 1988 — Armenian activists claim that paratroopers opened fire on group of unarmed protester at Yerevan's airport, killing up to five people.

Struggling to survive

Lebanese joie de vivre subdued

THE high-velocity shell roaring over the tennis court briefly halted play.

"Don't worry it's outgoing," said the immaculately-dressed player at the club in Muslim west Beirut, glancing in the direction the shell was heading.

the Christian east of the divided city. Bikini-clad sunbathers settled back to watch the match as businessmen once more concentrated on their poolside game of backgammon.

The cosmopolitan joie de vivre for which Beirut was renowned before civil war flared in 1975 is now subdued. Shelling has thinned the crowds at beach clubs but they still endure.

"If we live in fear forever then we might as well go and kill ourselves," said Rashid, playing a volley as gunner lobbed more shell into the Christian enclave.

In a nearby school Sahar, too young at 15 to remember peace in Lebanon, listened to the history lesson under a concrete slab dangling from the ceiling of her shell-blasted classroom.

"I'm scared when there is shelling, but when it is quiet I go to school," she said simply. "We cannot give up on life."

Bloodied and terrorised by 14 years of civil war and the latest months of shelling across Beirut, Lebanese civilians are fighting their own war of survival, struggling to make the most of what they have left amid the shelling and blockades.

Sahar's Rawda School in Muslim west Beirut is one of a few in the fractured Lebanese capital which recently took the risk of reopening for those pupils ready to brave shellfire.

"We have developed a special way of life and an instinct to detect danger," said Samir Safi, 31, a west Beirut banker.

A relatively low casualty toll compared with the ferocity of the shelling is daily proof that Beirut's instincts are good.

More than 400 people have died since March in battles pitting Syrian troops and their Lebanese militia allies against mainly Christian Lebanese soldiers under Major-General Michel Aoun.

Residents are accustomed to sudden battles despite a May 11 ceasefire.

"When I get up in the morning after a night of shelling, I look out to see if there are cars on the streets and if the shops are open," says Yumna, a mother of three, describing her routine.

"If it's okay, I get dressed to take my children to the beach or to their ballet classes as if nothing ever happened," but I worry all day that the shelling might start," she adds.

Despite the continuing violence, traffic still jabs streets during most morning rush-hours.

Across the city banks still open and shops, behind mounds of sandbags or concrete blocks for protection, display European fashions. Street vendors call out the increasing prices of their goods.

As soon as the fighters start using their seemingly endless supply of shells and rockets, streets clear in seconds as people rush children in, pull down shutters and retreat into corridors or basements.

During the first weekend in July, when 15 people died in a flareup of fighting, the streets were almost deserted. But the moment the shelling subsided, people ventured out again.

Last Sunday, only hours after sporadic battles between rival Shiite factions and apostate shelling across the city, the Coral Beach Club in west Beirut was crowded with bathers and people drinking cold beer beside the pool.

Few people venture out at night. But on fairly quiet days restaurants with smartly-uniformed waiters serve fine Lebanese and imported food to those who can afford it.

At a handful of still-operating nightclubs a few people sway to the beats of the latest rock and pop songs after dark.

"What you see around you is the gaiety of despair," says a waiter, indicating a convoy of cars carrying a newly-married couple and their friends, horns blaring in celebration.

More than 1,000 guests flocked to Christian east Beirut's Jinnayezeh Street near the devastated Green Line battlefield for a wedding minutes after a recent round of shelling eased off.

"People were dancing and cheering in the streets as if they had no worry in the world," said one of the astonished guests.

Owners of boutiques have opened new shops in Christian mountain resorts out of artillery range. They said business booming as many rich people had left the capital for safety.

"It is this will of the Lebanese to defy odds and continue living which keeps the country going," commented an economist. (Beirut — Reuters)



Christian Lebanese Forces militiamen play cards as a fellow gunman relaxes on an armoured personnel carrier at Beirut's green line battlefield (above). A Beirut bride and her father emerge from their home to rush to the church for a wedding during a lull in Christian East Beirut (below).



Philippine democracy fragile

Mismanagement, rebels to blame

INDUSTRIAL nations are pledging billions of dollars to save this country's "fragile" democracy. Yet Philippine democracy is under siege not only by armed opponents, but also by mismanagement and corruption.

Delegates from 25 countries and international organizations are meeting in Tokyo to forge the Philippines multilateral aid initiative to revive an economy devastated by 20 years of misrule under ousted President Ferdinand Marcos.

During Tuesday's session in Tokyo, US Secretary of State James Baker said democracy in the Philippines "remains fragile and under attack." He said the aid programme would express "in tangible ways our commitment to the success of democracy and freedom."

US President George Bush has asked the Congress for an additional \$200 million in annual aid to help reach a goal of \$10 billion in international assistance to the Philippines over the next five years. But Western diplomats believe President Corason Aquino's government must tackle a series of formidable problems if the money is to be used effectively.

They include an ill-disciplined military, a cumbersome and inefficient bureaucracy, ineffective courts and a burgeoning population that threatens to cancel out any economic gains.

Western and Filipino experts give the administration high marks for restoring business confidence, liberalizing imports, disbanding state monopolies and removing the tax-exempt status from government enterprises.

But critics fault Aquino for failing to display the vigorous leadership necessary to fully exploit the opportunities Filipinos enjoyed after toppling the Marcos administration in February 1986.

Western diplomats say the government has been

unable to spend between \$2 billion and \$4 billion in foreign aid already provided because of inefficiency and bottlenecks in the bureaucracy.

"There are a number of favourable trends," said one Western diplomat, speaking on condition of anonymity. "But they've got a long way to go. The system is fragile."

Abroad, much attention has been focused on the communist New People's Army, the rural-based, 23,000-strong force that has been fighting for 20 years to establish a Marxist state.

Rebels operate in about 65 of the country's 73 provinces and have killed up to 65 policemen and soldiers in the Manila area this year alone. But the military insists rebel strength declined more than 8 per cent last year and that it has turned the tide against the insurgents.

The most serious armed threats have come not from the insurgents but from disaffected members of the military, who have launched six coup attempts against Aquino's government.

Filipino and Western analysts believe the insurgency persists in part because most Filipinos have not benefited from promises of economic and social justice.

About half the 58 million Filipinos live below the government's definition of poverty — an income of less than 3,000 pesos (\$150) a month for a family of six.

Unemployment declined from 9 per cent in 1987 to 8.5 per cent last year. But government figures show that one-third of the labour force worked less than 40 hours a week.

While most Filipinos struggle economically, there are widespread rumours of official corruption. True or not, they create the perception that a privileged few benefit from the new administration.

Experts say a major factor holding down living standards is the lack of an effective population-

control programmes, a sensitive issue in a Roman Catholic country.

In its Asian development outlook for 1989, the Asian Development Bank warned that economic gains were threatened "because of a continuing rapid growth in the labour force."

The population is growing at about 2.5 per cent annually. That means 750,000 new jobs must be created each year to maintain employment rates.

In its study, the bank also faulted the administration for the slow pace of land reform, aimed at redistributing property to 3 million landless peasants.

The year-old programme has virtually ground to a halt because of scandals in the department of agrarian reform.

Critics say loopholes in the congressionally-mandated law allow landlords to retain too much property.

Loopholes also allow landlords to retain vast tracts by converting them to commercial use or setting up "profit-sharing" plans for tenants.

Public disaffection also is growing over a feared breakdown in law and order in Manila after a spate of police killings and bank robberies.

The government blames communist rebels for most of the police killings. But last month, Defence Secretary Fidel Ramos acknowledged widespread criminality in military ranks.

Manila newspapers, quoting unnamed intelligence sources, claimed many of the bank robberies in Manila are carried out by up to 10 criminal gangs of soldiers and former soldiers, shielded from arrest by their officers.

"The present military is the foremost element of disorder in the state today," wrote publisher Teodoro Locsin in the Philippine daily *Globe*. (Manila — AP)

Israel fights tax rebellion

'Feudal law'

ISRAEL has turned troops into tax collectors, using what critics call medieval methods to fight a tax revolt accompanying the 18-month-old uprising in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Soldiers strike at midnight, arresting tax dodgers, seizing property such as television sets or electrical appliances and confiscating identity cards without which Palestinians dare not leave home.

"This is feudal law or Dark Ages law when they send their soldiers to confiscate the property from the villages," Bethlehem mayor Elias Freij told Reuters.

On the roads, troops sometimes stop Palestinian motorists at random, confiscate their cars and return them only if the owners can prove they have paid their taxes.

Soldiers stop all goods entering the Gaza Strip to levy an import duty. In Ramallah, tax collectors have confiscated gold from jewellers to force them to pay taxes.

When helicopter-borne Israeli troops raid rebellious West Bank villages to remove roadblocks and arrest activists, tax collectors follow along to seize assets from debtors.

The Israeli civil administration says Arabs in the West Bank and Gaza Strip must pay taxes to fund services from sanitation to schooling that cost 161 million shekels (about \$80 million) in 1988. It says all taxes gathered from Arabs are spent in the occupied territories.

But one of the services they are funding, education, has been banned for most of the uprising.

The Israelis, blaming a decline in incomes more than the refusal to pay, say tax revenue in the occupied territories has fallen by 40 per cent since the revolt began. Palestinians estimate the decline at closer to 70 per cent.

West Bank administration spokesman Olivier Rafowicz said Israeli authorities preferred negotiation, and use of force to collect taxes was only a response to a boycott enforced by uprising activists.

In one recent tax raid, soldiers ransacked a Beit Sahour Pharmacy and detained pharmacist Elias Rishmawi. Seven months earlier, he and three other pharmacists were jailed for 10 days for non-payment of taxes.

"They want to make an example of this man; to see if he will pay taxes if they take away his medicine," said Hanna Khalil Rishmawi, one of the pharmacists arrested last December.

Beit Sahour residents say refusal to pay taxes is as important a part of the uprising as throwing stones at soldiers and Jewish settlers.

Most Palestinians tax collectors working for the Israeli administration resigned early in the uprising and many Arabs stopped paying taxes then.

Other Palestinians say they simply cannot afford to pay because their incomes have fallen drastically due to strikes, curfews, unemployment and a business slump.

Palestinian lawyers say the Fourth Geneva Convention on the protection of civilians in wartime excludes taxing people under occupation.

But Israel says the convention does not apply to the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Critics of the occupation have long argued that Israel makes a profit from the territories. They note the civil administration levies import taxes on goods brought into the areas from Israel.

In 1986 an independent Israeli research group, the West Bank Data Base Project, concluded that in 19 years of occupation residents had paid two-and-a-half times more to the authorities than they received in public investment and services.

Everyday services are now held hostage to payment of taxes.

People deemed to owe taxes cannot leave the country, obtain driving licences, register births or deaths, or fulfil any of dozens of daily needs that require dealings with the Israeli military authorities.

Joshua Schoffman, legal director of the Association for Civil Rights in Israel (ACRI), said it was illegal to confiscate identity cards to enforce tax payment, but ACRI had dealt with more than 50 such cases in the past few months.

In March, the organisation filed a suit in Israel's high court against the practice.

Because of the complicated methods of calculation, residents are sometimes told they owe more than their annual earnings in taxes.

In one recent case, Mayor Freij recounts, soldiers raided a West Bank refugee camp in the middle of the night and ordered an elderly man to pay half a million shekels (about \$250,000).

"The whole camp is not worth that much," he said. (West Bank — Reuters)

Quote me

"The movement for democracy has flooded its banks like the Yellow River. It is unstoppable. Despite the unprecedented white terror, the Chinese student movement and the movement for democracy are still alive. At present, China is shrouded in silence, but that just means that a new and bigger storm is brewing." — A statement issued by Chinese student leader Wu'er Kaizi and intellectual dissident Yan Jiaqi, who are hiding in the West.

"I am no longer just your daughter. I am now a daughter to a proud, unified motherland." — Im Suk-Yong said in a letter delivered to the family by a radical student organisation after she had left for North Korea.

"I know mom wanted me to become a newspaper reporter and daddy wanted me to become a writer. Please encourage me with pride to work on the path of life different from what mom and daddy have chosen." — Im Suk-Yong wrote in a letter to her parents.

Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor "never met a regulation she doesn't like." — Sarah Weddington, the lawyer who successfully argued the case of *Roe vs Wade* that legalised abortion.

"I forgive McEnroe for anything he does because he is brilliant. He is good for tennis." — Ilie Nastase, defending John McEnroe's antics at Wimbledon.

"Grass is for cows." — Ivan Lendl, talking about the Wimbledon grass courts before the start of the tournament.

The Fourth of July is an important day for all democracies — Rajiv Gandhi, Indian Premier on the independence of the USA.

"Gromyko represented old times," said Soviet Navy officer Andrei N. Pochtarev as he waited on a sidewalk to see the body. "Now we must have a new approach. Times have changed."

Letter to the editor

Doubts cast on credibility: Filipino embassy objects to caption

STR: In the interest of truth, fairness, and justice, the embassy of Philippines wishes to raise an objection to the caption under the picture entitled "Farewell to Oblena" appearing on Page 7 of your Sunday, July 2 issue.

For the information of all concerned, it was solely the embassy who organised the farewell reception for its respected official, Ambassador Oblena, and

representatives of the four major Filipino organisations were only invited to give them a chance to also say goodbye to Mr Oblena.

It is therefore quite disappointing that credit has been taken away from the embassy staff who diligently worked for the success of the farewell lunch. It is even more disappointing to find out that these efforts would be attributed to parties who did

not have a direct hand in organising the affair but were mere "guests" of the embassy. If I may say so, this incident casts doubts on the credibility of the parties concerned and I sincerely hope measures will be taken to rectify this error.

Olivia V. Palala,
Chargé d'Affaires, a.i.,
Philippine Embassy.

BUSINESS & FINANCE

Oil demand rebounds almost to all-time peak

LONDON, July 5, (Reuters): World oil demand is ending the 1980s almost back at the historic peak at which it began the decade, the International Energy Agency (IEA) said today.

Demand plunged from the 1979 record because of the price shocks administered in the seventies by the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC). But the latest monthly oil report by the IEA, the West's Paris-based energy watchdog, projected 1989 consumption outside the communist bloc as high as 52 million barrels per day (BPD).

That would be a gain of 1.2 million in 1988 and of about seven million — 15 per cent — from a 1983 low. It would be just "slightly below the peak in 1979," the IEA said.

High prices at that time stamped consumers to turn down thermostats, develop new technology to use energy more efficiently and use more coal, gas and nuclear power.

The IEA noted today that oil consumption in the 24 industrial nations of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) this year would still be four million BPD down on 1979.

But higher Third World demand, particularly in Asia, has helped rescue OPEC, which is also trying to hold prices stable now to assist the recovery in demand.

OPEC output in the April-June quarter of this year was put by the IEA at 21 million BPD. That was the organisation's highest for a second quarter since 1981, the year prices peaked at near \$40 per barrel compared with \$17-20 now.

The OPEC volume, however, is still almost one-third down from then which reflects more competition from non-OPEC sellers during this decade. It still has trouble trying to keep its 13 cash-pinned members within assigned output quotas.

Market analysts say the near-term direction of oil prices probably depends on the extent of excess production by two members, Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates.

Both have pledged some restraint on their excess to support a new OPEC output pact which took effect on Saturday.

Kuwait, in particular, pledged a cut to 1.35 million BPD from a June total estimated by the IEA at 1.8 million including its share of a neutral zone divided with Saudi Arabia.

Spot prices were little changed around \$18.50 per barrel for North Sea Brent blend, a world benchmark.

It assumed that Western economies would expand by 2.75 per cent next year, after 3.25 per cent in 1989, and on that basis saw non-communist world oil demand of 1.1 million BPD in the first half of 1990, after this year's 1.2 million.

It reckoned that the West's oil stocks as of July 1 covered a comfortable 97 days' forward supply.

Record auction price for clock

LONDON, July 5, (AP): A 300-year-old clock which strikes high and low notes when sounding the hours made a record clock auction price of £880,000 (\$1,408 million) today, auctioneers Christie's said.

The hitherto unknown clock was made about 1680 by Thomas Tompion, England's finest clock maker, who is buried in Westminster Abbey. It was sent for sale by an anonymous Canadian collector and bought by Asprey's an expensive gift shop in London's New Bond Street.

The previous record was £842,000 (\$1.1 million) in 1984 for an ornate German ivory clock of the mid-17th century from Augsburg.

"This is the most significant Tompion discovery in the past half-century. When the owner wrote to me last year and said he was sending it to us for sale I thought from his description I was going to see a fake," said Richard Garnier, Christie's expert.

He said the 6-foot (1.8-metre) tall long case clock was unique "because Tompion put into it everything he could think of. It has an oil lamp illuminating a rotating disc to show the hours at night, it runs for a month and it has a very economical striking mechanism."

The strike is aligned to the hours on the dial in Roman numerals: a low note for the figure 1, a high note for V and two high notes for X.

"When it's 4 o'clock, which is IV, it goes bong-bing, at 6 o'clock, VI, bong-bong and at 12 o'clock, XII, bong-bong-bong," Garnier said.

"So there are never more than four blows. It's quite a good idea because even in modern times when we have so much to think about, the owner of this clock will quickly be able to tell the time from those tones, while he might easily miss one of the higher numbers if every sound was the same," the expert said.

UK share prices dip

LONDON, July 5, (AP): Share prices on the London Stock Exchange closed lower in thin trading today, skidding to the day's worst levels on the back of early losses on Wall Street.

At the close, the Financial Times-Stock Exchange 100-share index was down 11.5 points, or 0.5 per cent, at 2,162.9, its low for the day. At its best the index showed a gain of 1.5 points at late morning.

On Wall Street, the Dow Jones industrial average was down about 15 points when the London trading session ended.

The Financial Times 500-share index closed at 1,231.58, down 4.46.

Japan buys more crude from Gulf

Oil sector plays pivotal role: study

KUWAIT, July 5, (KUNA): The Organisation of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC) monthly bulletin today called for greater role of oil in Arab economic development.

In its editorial of this month OAPEC bulletin stressed that the oil sector inevitably plays a pivotal role in the profound reappraisal of economic policies of the Arab countries.

The publication noted that until now, the role of oil in Arab economic development has been limited and said this can be seen when its role is assessed by the criteria that normally used to judge its impact on economic activities.

"The linkages between the oil sector and other segments of the Arab economies are still tenuous. In many Arab oil countries, there is a wide technology and produc-

tivity gap that separates the petroleum industry from the rest of the economy," the bulletin indicated.

It added that the percentage of oil revenues allocated to investment projects has been too low to achieve sustained growth. These observations, the bulletin went on, contrast sharply with hopes generated by the appreciated increase in oil revenues almost four decades ago.

The OAPEC bulletin said the current regional moves toward increased Arab co-operation provide a suitable climate for enhancing the role of oil by integrating it with other sectors.

"It is time that priority be given to the many oil-related industries whose success depends on pan-Arab markets rather than national markets and that

petroleum and its derivatives be used more intensively as feed-stocks and fuels to accelerate growth of Arab industry and agriculture," the editorial concluded.

Meanwhile, Japanese industry looks set to significantly increase crude oil imports from Kuwait to satisfy soaring demand, according to sources in Tokyo.

Although direct contracts amounted to 1.15 million BPD by end-June, 15 per cent down on the same period last year, exports on this basis have risen by 50 per cent since the beginning of 1989.

Two Japanese companies in particular have each hiked imports of Kuwaiti crude by 20,000 BPD from April, the sources say.

Indications are that Japanese oil imports from the United Arab Emirates, Iraq and Qatar have also increased.

Oil stability vital: World Bank

Switzerland has highest average per capita income

VIENNA, July 5, (OPECNA): There is no doubt that a stable oil price will be helpful not only for producing countries but also for consumers, World Bank senior counsellor for external affairs Akin Fatoyinbo has said here.

Speaking at a press conference, he said that strong fluctuations in the price of commodities, especially oil, had made it harder for governments to plan economic strategy for the future.

According to the World Bank's 1989 world development report, officially released today, massive swings in the price of oil and a prolonged decline in the real prices of other commodities

during the 1980s, "have posed short and long-term adjustment problems for producers and consumers."

These large swings had made it harder for governments, especially in commodity-producing countries, to manage demand and exchange rates.

Oil price increases and the rise in the value of oil exports put upward pressure on the producers' exchange rates and "thereby harmed non-oil exports and encouraged imports."

According to World Bank statistics, released here today, Switzerland showed the highest average per capita income, com-

pared to its Gross National Product, with the individual there earning an average of \$31,330 a year.

The United Arab Emirates ranked fourth among world states in national wealth and annual per capita income, while Kuwait placed ninth and Switzerland topped the world's list of rich nations.

The statistics for the year 1987, placed the US next, followed by Norway, UAE (\$15,830), Kuwait was ninth on the list (\$14,610), West Germany ranked 11th (\$14,400), Britain was 17th (\$10,420), Italy 18th place (\$10,350) and Singapore on the 20th place (\$7,940).

PIF raises finance abroad

KUWAIT, July 5, (Reuters): A Saudi Arabian state body has signed a \$660 million syndicated loan in what appears to be the first international borrowing by the Saudi government in a quarter century, bankers and economists said today.

In a syndicated loan signed on Monday, the Public Investment Fund (PIF) raised five-year funds at 1/8 point above the London interbank offered rate (Libor) from a group of Saudi and Gulf banks, the bankers said.

Economists in Saudi Arabia speculated the government could be using the PIF as an indirect conduit to finance its budget deficit, projected at just under \$1 billion for 1989.

In mid-1988, after its foreign reserves began running low, the government started issuing rial-denominated treasury bonds locally to cover the spending gap, its first borrowing in a quarter century.

The kingdom issued an estimated 40 billion riyals in bonds in 1988 and in January announced it would sell another 25 billion this year.

Economists believe the PIF, which was founded in 1971 to invest in large-scale government projects and businesses, may have been buying a large number of the bonds and might now be seeking funds to cover these or finance more.

Aid package

BONN, July 5, (Reuters): West Germany is to give Turkey 169 million marks (\$88.5 million) in development aid for 1989, the Ministry for Economic Co-operation said today.

The money is earmarked for building a power line from the less developed east of Turkey to Ankara, modernising the railways, extending a main sewage plant and importing urgently needed goods.



Four London executives opted on a 13-foot long plastic canoe, to beat the 24-hour rail and underground strike in London, yesterday. The four sailed up the River Thames past Big Ben, London's famous landmark. (Reuters wirephoto)

Revolt gathers pace

Strike threats grow in UK

LONDON, July 5, (Reuters): Transport workers paralysed Britain's rail network today, the latest strike in a wave of labour unrest that has developed into a formidable challenge to Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's government.

With a national clock strike likely next week, engineering unions added to the Conservative government's woes by threatening action against 12 major exporting companies.

The revolt has gathered pace as unions successfully manoeuvre around tough legal curbs on strikes brought in by Thatcher during her decade in power.

Workers are fighting pay offers below the 8.3 per cent rate of inflation and attempts to reduce union power further by dismantling national pay bargaining.

The 24-hour strike by the National Union of Railwaymen and London underground drivers was the third in a weekly series that union leaders said could continue until the end of the year.

It coincided with an announcement of 1988 profits of £307 million (\$490 million) by state-

owned British rail which has been slimmed down and revitalised ahead of Thatcher's plans to privatise the industry.

Huge traffic jams built up in London and other cities as commuters took to road and river transport amid growing public impatience with British rail's failure to reach a settlement.

While the transport stoppages are an irritant, strikes at North Sea oilfields, ports and engineering companies could torpedo efforts to narrow record balance of trade deficits.

Thousands of commuters rode the riverbus along the Thames while others took the strike in their stride and walked to work.

The Automobile Association reported heavy congestion in all major cities as the morning rush hour began as early as 5 am.

The NUR is striking for higher wages and over British rail's plans to scrap the existing system of union-employer pay negotiations on a national level.

Third World warns of catastrophe

VIENNA, July 5, (Reuters): The Third World could be plunged into economic catastrophe if commercial banks start seizing funds to cover unpaid loans, a group of developing countries said today.

Mervat Tallawy, chairwoman of the Group of 77 in Vienna, told reporters a recent move by US bank Citibank to take back \$80 million from Ecuador was a threat to international efforts to relieve the debt problem.

"It would be a catastrophe if other banks followed suit," Tallawy told a news conference during the annual meeting of the United Nations Industrial Development Organisation in Vienna.

"At a time when we started to receive modest yet positive signs from both developed countries and international financial institutions we unfortunately find a commercial bank fighting back," Tallawy, also Egypt's envoy in Austria, said.

"The Group of 77 expresses its concern regarding the arbitrary appropriation of Ecuadorian national funds by a commercial bank," a statement by the group, named after the number of its founding members, said.

Debt crisis flares

Moratorium denied

SAO PAULO, July 5, (Reuters): The creaking public finances of Brazil, the Third World's biggest debtor, have once again endangered the country's ability to service its massive debt of \$112 billion.

The new crisis emerged today when Brazil announced it was overdue on interest payments of about \$800 million to a group of Western creditor governments called the Paris Club.

Bankers said the country has effectively halted interest payments to foreign private

banks, and they said banks may not receive all the interest due in the second half of 1989.

Brazil also began this week to centralise all foreign exchange operations in the central bank to protect its international reserves, which an official document leaked to the press put at \$5.6 billion.

Some observers said a moratorium on interest payments had in fact begun, but the government denied those assertions.

Bulgaria suffering labour shortages, says Ozal

ISTANBUL, Turkey, July 5, (AP): Premier Turgut Ozal contended today that Bulgaria is suffering labour shortages and economic hardships because of policies that are driving out members of its ethnic Turkish minority.

"The forced immigration policy has boomeranged. We have information that many factories are closed and farms go untended in Bulgaria," Ozal told a news conference.

He said bread was being rationed in the Razgrad and Shumne districts, indicating that "the Bulgarian economy has been seriously harmed."

Ozal claimed Bulgaria was counting on Turkey's closing of the border as was done

in 1950. "But we called their bluff, our border will remain open."

The premier said that 106,000 ethnic Turks had crossed the border into Turkey since May and 300,000 more were expected. "We understand that Bulgarians have given passports to 300,000 more ethnic Turks," he said.

Ozal said 16,000 immigrants already had jobs, mainly in the cities of Istanbul, Eskisehir and Bursa in the western part of the country but the bulk of the immigrants would eventually be settled in Central Anatolia.

Ethnic Turks who have arrived in Turkey say they are leaving Bulgaria because of oppression and policies aimed

at wiping out their ethnic culture. Bulgaria has ordered them to change their Turkish names into Slavic ones and has banned the use of the Turkish language and practice of Islam.

The Turkish minority in Bulgaria is estimated to be at least one million in a total population of nine million.

At first, Bulgaria deported 5,000 Turks deemed undesirable following ethnic unrest in May. Later, ethnic Turks who wanted to leave were given passports but were not allowed to sell their property and take along the cash.

"We have two very reasonable demands from Bulgaria," Ozal told reporters. "We want restoration of the ethnic rights of the

Turks in Bulgaria and an immigration agreement for those who want to leave so that their legal and property rights are protected."

He called on members of the European Conference on Security and Co-operation to impose sanctions against Bulgaria.

"If there is a coverup in the case of Bulgaria, there will be other incidents like this elsewhere in the world," Ozal said.

Ozal accused Bulgaria of committing a crime against humanity with its treatment of the Turkish minority. "They are dividing up families. While some members of a family are allowed to leave, others, especially young sons, are kept hostage in Bulgaria," he said.

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WORLD STOCK MARKETS

LONDON
(Alpha Stocks)

NAME	LAST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-QR	PREV-YR
ADT LTD	174.0	179.0	1800.3	1707.9
ALD LYONS	459.0	1251.58	1256.04	1231.31
AMSTRAD	83.0	1109.36	1113.40	1108.83
ARGVLL GP	212.0	85.72	85.47	87.03
ASDA GP	178.0	199.10	196.50	195.20
A & B FOODS	362.0	663.05	664.96	656.80
BAA	346.0	2107.2	2139.9	2129.6
BTR	398.0	142.25	142.03	139.70
BAT INDS	653.0	133.48	133.48	133.71
BARCLAYS	449.0	135.37	135.21	134.50
BASS	008.0			
BEAZER	174.0			
BEECHAM	647.0			
BERISFORD	155.0			
BICC PLC	510.0			
BLUE ARW	94.0			
BLUE CIRC	528.0			
BOC GP	502.0			
BOOTS CO	268.0			
BP INDS	240.5			
BR COMM	165.0			
BR AIRWAY	204.0			
BR AEROSP	685.0			
BR GAS RG	195.0			
BR LAND	58.50			
B.P.	294.0			
BR STEEL	75.0			
BR TELCOM	250.0			
BUNZL	140.0			
BURNAL OL	622.0			
BURTON	230.0			
CABLESWIR	499.0			
CADBURYS	363.5			
CALOR GRP	388.0			
CRITN GRP	813.0			
COOKSONS	339.0			
COURTAULD	354.0			
DALGETY	364.0			
DIXONS	138.5			
ENG CHINA	476.0			
ENTER OIL	586.5			
FKI BACK	175.0			
FERRANTI	88.5			
FISONS	306.0			
GATEWAY	237.0			
GEN ACCID	925.0			
GEN ELEC	251.0			
GLAXO	358.0			
GRAMADA	351.0			
GLOBE	182.0			
GLYNED	290.0			
GUARD RYL	10.00			
GUINNESS	507.0			
HAMPSON A	784.0			
HANSON	217.0			
HARRISON C	163.5			
HUMER SID	709.0			
HILLSDOWN	273.0			
INCHEAPE	267.0			

LONDON
(Beta Stocks)

NAME	LAST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-QR	PREV-YR
2ND ALLCE	937.0	1251.58	1256.04	1231.31
600 GROUP	131.0	1109.36	1113.40	1108.83
A.WER TS	455.0	199.10	196.50	195.20
A.B.ELECT	373.0	663.05	664.96	656.80
A.S.V.HLD	262.0	2107.2	2139.9	2129.6
AAB KENT	118.0	142.25	142.03	139.70
AAH HLD	80.0	133.48	133.48	133.71
AARWSON	45.0	135.37	135.21	134.50
ADDISON	42.5			
ADVEST	182.0			
ALEX WKW	205.0			
ALEXON	379.0			
ALCO COLL	163.0			
ALLO IR B	154.0			
ALLO LON	142.4			
ALLO PART	72.0			
ALLO TEXT	380.0			
ALLIANCE	063.0			
AMEC	443.0			
AMER TST	157.0			
AMERSHAM	467.0			
AMH HLTHC	381.0			
ANGLIA SC	220.0			
ANGLIA TV	259.0			
ANPSCHER	75.0			
APPLEYARD	166.0			
APV PLC	144.0			
ASHLEY.LA	98.0			
ATTWOODS	473.0			
AUTO REED	405.0			
AUTO SECS	306.0			
AVESCO	140.0			
AVIS EUR	416.0			
AVON RUBB	564.0			
B.WEMILL	270.0			
BAILL JAP	525.0			
BAILL SHI	94.0			
BATIND (N)	236.0			
BANK IRE	287.0			
BANKER IT	92.4			
BARDON GP	190.0			
BART DEV	178.0			
BAYNES C	34.0			
BBA GROUP	194.0			
BEAR BRND	13.2			
BEATTIE J	146.0			
BELHAVEN	48.4			
BELLWAY	230.0			
BEHROSE	241.0			
BENLOX HD	56.0			
BERKELEY	203.0			
BHH GROUP	137.0			
BF OF SCO	95.0			
BLACK LE 2	8.6			
BLK GROUP	478.0			
BNNETT +F	87.0			
BOASE HAS	363.0			
BOODINGTN	171.0			
BODY SHI	732.0			
WIMPEY GE	254.0			

World Indices

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-QR	PREV-YR
FT 300	1798.0	1800.3	1800.3	1707.9
FT 500 SHR	1251.58	1256.04	1231.31	1008.8
FT ALL SHR	1109.36	1113.40	1108.83	926.50
FT GOV SEC	85.72	85.47	87.03	87.03
FT GOLD NR	199.10	196.50	195.20	161.9
FT MINES F	663.05	664.96	656.80	565.31
FT OIL	2107.2	2139.9	2129.6	1725.4
FT VLD DLR	142.25	142.03	139.70	141.17
FT VLD STG	133.48	133.48	133.71	123.81
FT VLD LOC	135.37	135.21	134.50	123.40

London Stock Market Report

U.K. STOCKS WEAKER, RAIL STRIKE DAMPENS TRADING

LONDON, JULY 5. REUTER - SHARE PRICES WERE WEAKER IN QUIET AFTERNOON BUSINESS WITH MANY TRADERS ABSENT FROM THE MARKET DUE TO INDUSTRIAL ACTION BY WORKERS ON LONDON PUBLIC TRANSPORT. DEALERS SAID WALL STREET'S WEAKER OPENING AFTER THE JULY 4 INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY LENT AN EASIER BIAS TO PRICES HERE. ONE OPERATOR SAID, "WE WERE EXPECTING WALL STREET TO OPEN LOWER IN FOLLOW-THROUGH FROM LAST WEEK BUT WITH THE TRANSPORT STRIKE THERE WASN'T MUCH REAL ACTION HERE."

AT 1411 GMT THE FTSE INDEX WAS 7.5 POINTS DOWN AT 2,166.9. PLESSEY GAINED 12P TO 253 AFTER NEWS IT HAD WITHDRAWN FROM TELECOMMUNICATIONS (GPT).

DEALERS SAID PLESSEY SHARES HAD BEEN MARKED DOWN ON NEWS THE COMPANY WAS IN TALKS WITH GEC AS THE MARKET REASONED THAT ANY DEAL OVER THE JOINT VENTURE WOULD MAKE A NEW FULL BID FOR PLESSEY BY GEC MORE UNLIKELY.

THEY ADDED TODAY'S NEWS PUT PLESSEY BACK INTO THE SPOTLIGHT AS A TAKEOVER TARGET. GEC AND SIEMENS ARE STILL NEGOTIATING WITH THE U.K. MINISTRY OF DEFENCE OVER TERMS FOR CLEARANCE TO RENEW THEIR BID FOR PLESSEY.

London Gold

LONDON, JULY 5. REUTER - GOLD BULLION FINISHED SHARPLY HIGHER AS THE DOLLAR FELL BACK. GOLD CLOSED AT 385.00/385.50 DOLLARS A TONNE, UP FROM TUESDAY'S FINAL 376.25/376.75 DOLLARS. IT TOUCHED A PEAK OF 386.00/386.50 DOLLARS IN AFTERNOON BUSINESS. THE HIGHEST LEVEL REACHED SINCE APRIL 25. THE METAL WAS FIXED AT 378.40 AND 383.60 DOLLARS.

THE DOLLAR SUFFERED LOSSES IN THE FAR EAST OVERNIGHT AND THE DOWNTURN CONTINUED WHEN U.S. TRADING RESUMED AFTER THE INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY.

NEW YORK GOLD FUTURES SAW STOP-LOSS ORDERS TRIGGERED AT THE REOPENING AND THIS FUELLED THE RALLY, DEALERS SAID.

London Money Market

LONDON, JULY 5. REUTER - ACTIVITY IN THE STERLING MONEY MARKETS DRIED UP AROUND MID-AFTERNOON AS TODAY'S STRIKES ON THE RAILWAYS AND LONDON'S UNDERGROUND LED DEALERS TO LEAVE THEIR DESKS EARLIER THAN USUAL TO BEAT THE EXPECTED TRAFFIC CRUSH.

STERLING'S CONTINUING STRENGTH AGAINST A WEAKER DOLLAR ESTABLISHED A SLIGHTLY EASIER TREND IN RATES THIS MORNING, WHICH THE MARKET MAINTAINED TO THE CLOSE. OTHERWISE TODAY'S SESSION WAS SLOW AND FEATURELESS WITH LITTLE BUSINESS TO CHASE.

DEALERS NOTED THAT RATES ALREADY REFLECTED THE WIDELY HELD BELIEF THAT 14 PCT BASE RATES WILL HOLD FOR THE TIME BEING WITH LITTLE CHANCE OF EITHER A HIKE OR A CUT IN SIGHT.

Foreign Exchange

DLR	STG	DMK	FFR	OPG
DLR	1.6010/18	1.9075/85	6.4745/75	NOON
STG	1.5965/75	3.0535/70	10.3670/830	NOON
DMK	1.9073/9153	3.0470/61	29.38/54	FIX
FFR	6.4765/4885	10.355/373	339.09/73	FIX
SFR	2.1540	3.4420	112.715	NOON
HFL	1.6383/6393	2.6175/6207	85.73/83	FIX
ECU	1.08411	2.677486	2.07086	FIX
SDR	1.25374	0.799987	2.42624	CLSE
YEN	140.10/20	223.41/779	8.25770	NOON
SDR RATE	03/07/1989	OTHERS	05/07/1989	

BORTHWICK	41/0	42/0	HEPBORTH	273/0	272/0	ROBINSON	480/0	480/0
BR ARROW	110/0	110/0	HETSTAR	224/0	224/0	ROCKPORT	82/0	81/0
BR ASSETS	77/6	78/4	HETWOOD W	269/0	270/0	ROCKWARE	66/0	67/0
BR DREDG	165/0	166/0	HICKSON W	270/0	269/0	ROTCHSCHILD	202/0	203/0
BR VITA	277/0	276/0	HIGGS HIL	333/0	333/0	ROTOKR	166/0	166/0
BRENT CHE	140/0	141/0	HMBRO CITY	39/0	39/0	RUGBY GRP	204/0	204/0
BRENT WCR	366/0	366/0	HMBRO ZOP	199/0	200/0	RUTLAND T	41/0	42/0
BRIDON	210/0	210/0	HMT SPHR	150/0	150/0	SAGA GRP	300/0	300/0
BRITAIN SE	170/0	170/0	HOLMES PR	88/0	87/0	SALE TLNY	197/0	197/0
BRITANNIC	436/0	437/0	HOLMES GP	151/0	152/0	SALVESSEN	147/0	147/0
BRITON T	408/0	408/0	HOLKINSON	78/0	78/0	SAVILLE G	58/0	59/0
BRN & JAC	42/4	42/4	HOLY.OGGS	145/0	146/0	SAVOY "A"	875/0	875/0
BROWN SHI	350/0	350/0	HTV GROUP	95/0	94/0	SCOT I.T.	158/0	158/0
BRYANT GP	94/0	95/0	ICE.FZ.FD	338/0	338/0	SCOT INT	163/0	164/0
BSG INTL	77/4	77/4	IMRY M.D.V	526/0	531/0	SCOT MNT	127/4	128/0
BUDGENS	119/0	119/0	INDPNT W	15/0	15/0	SCOT.A.H.I	114/4	114/0
BULLOUGH	192/0	192/0	INOCO PLC	38/0	38/0	SCOT.E.IT	166/0	166/0
BULMER HP	171/0	170/0	INT.BU.CH	146/0	145/0	SCT NAT A	53/0	53/0
CAIRO GRP	531/0	531/0	INT.CITY	53/0	53/0	SCT NAT W	94/0	94/0
CALENDONIA	364/0	365/0	JHNSN&FR	61/4	61/4	SCT NAT W	14/0	15/0
CAMB ELEC	215/0	215/0	JOS HLDGS	148/4	150/0	SECS TST	63/4	63/0
CAMFORD E	300/0	300/0	KALAMAZOO	33/4	33/0	SELCTV 1P	16/0	16/0
CANNING W	281/0	282/0	KALAZO GP	42/6	43/4	SENA GRP	322/0	323/0
CANNON ST	200/0	200/0	KELT ENGY	53/4	54/0	SHANDWICK	134/0	133/0
CAP.RADIO	797/0	798/0	KETSON	12/0	12/0	SHERATON	90/0	90/0
CARDON	325/0	324/0	KLWRT CHR	145/0	145/0	SHIRE INV	244/0	244/0
CARLEN EN	135/0	135/0	KLWRT O'S	155/0	156/0	SIMON ENG	393/0	393/0
CATTLE HD	70/0	71/0	KLWRT SML	187/0	187/0	SINGER B	77/0	77/0
CAULDON	12/4	13/0	KWIK SAVE	486/0	487/0	SMITH A	340/0	343/0
CENTL PTH	777/0	775/0	KWIK-FIT	113/0	113/0	SPR-SR RAM	107/0	107/0
CHAM PHRR	234/0	233/0	LAING 'A'	330/0	330/0	SPR-X SPC	236/0	236/0
CHARTERHA	22/0	21/6	LAING ORD	335/0	335/0	ST.ANDREW	219/0	219/0
CHORLIE	40/0	40/0	LAING PRP	509/0	508/0	ST.MOWEN	41/0	41/0
CHRISTIES	275/0	275/0	LAIRD GP	259/0	258/0	STAKIS	104/0	106/0
CI GROUP	51/0	51/0	LARNACE W	149/0	149/0	STEELEY	442/0	442/0
CITYFARM	299/0	295/0	LAT & MET	172/0	171/0	STREND PR	212/0	212/0
CLINT SEC	59/0	59/0	LON ATLAN	78/0	78/0	STODDARD	44/0	45/0
CNTRY DIL	163/0	163/0	LON INTL	223/0	224/0	STORGUARD	17/6	18/0
COALITE	462/0	459/0	LON LTD	60/0	61/0	STURGE HD	259/0	260/0
COATES BR	283/0	282/0	LONWEDIN	142/0	141/0	T.J.P. EU	164/0	165/0
COLLOROLL	154/0	155/0	LEISURE I	89/0	89/0	TELEMETRX	48/0	49/0
CONNELLS	205/0	205/0	LEP GROUP	163/0	163/0	TEMPLE BA	246/0	245/0
COOPER F	138/0	138/0	LEX SERV	376/0	376/0	THAMES TV	464/0	463/0
COSTAIN	327/0	328/0	LIFE SCIE	75/0	75/0	THORNTONS	144/0	144/0
COURTS FR	194/0	196/0	LILLEY	72/0	72/0	THROGHTON	86/4	88/0
COMIE (T)	142/0	142/0	LIT	135/0	136/0	TICE RACK	81/0	81/0
CRH	190/0	190/0	LLOYD THP	220/0	220/0	TILBESIDE	190/0	190/0
CRODA INT	195/0	195/0	LOGICA	326/0	325/0	TITLE PROD	200/0	199/0
CRYSTALAT	120/0	121/0	LOVELL HD	246/0	246/0	TIPHOOK	469/0	470/0
CTRY PROP	234/0	233/0	LON (NM)	264/0	263/0	TOKINS F	244/0	245/0
DARES EST	31/6	31/6	LOMBARDNER	201/0	201/0	TOTAL	119/0	119/0
DAVIS GP	163/0	164/0	M&G GROUP	326/0	327/0	TOZER K&M	120/0	120/0
DAVY CORP	249/0	249/0	M.C.PACIF	226/0	228/0	TR CITY	89/4	90/0
DAMSON GP	138/0	140/0	MARTIN W	218/0	217/0	TR PACIFIC	85/4	86/0
DELTA GRP	328/0	328/0	MARFALNEZ	233/0	233/0	TR PROPTY	58/4	58/0
DEVENISH	310/0	310/0	MAI	101.0	100.0	TR TRESTEE	155/0	155/0
DEMHIRST	41/4	41/4	MAJEDIE	248/0	248/0	TRIMCO	35/0	35/0
DIPLOMA	216/0	217/0	MANDERS	210/0	210/0	TRIPLEK	171/0	172/0
DOBSON PK	102/0	102/0	MARLEY	149/0	149/0	TRITON ER	192/4	195/0
DOPMPS GR	354/0	355/0	MATTHEWS	66/0	66/0	TRSPRT DV	264/0	265/0
DOWDINGHM	79/0	79/0	MILNERS	108/0	109/0	U-BORLAND	87/0	85/0
DOWTY GRP	266/0	266/0	MILNERS	301/0	301/0	U-BROD ST	38/0	38/0
DRAYTON FE	420/0	422/0	MILNERS	243/0	243/0	U-BROADM	240/0	240/0
DRAYTON C	564/0	568/0	MENZIES	346/0	345/0	U-CITYSVN	191/0	192/0
DRG	486/0	483/0	MERRCH. TST	182/4	182/4	U-CLIFF	69/0	70/0
DUKINSTR	71/0	71/0	MERLIN IN	85/0	85/0	U-CLIFFORD	205/0	205/0
DUNDEE LD	321/0	322/0	METAL CLS	167/0	168/0	U-DEWEY W	113/0	113/0
DUNHILL	315/0	317/0	METALRAC	91/0	92/0	U-DURHAM	52/0	53/0
EAGLE TST	17/6	17/6	MEYER INT	380/0	381/0	U-EXPLAAR	48/4	48/0
EDIN I.T	194/0	194/0	MIDSUMMER	229/0	229/0	U-FERRARI	11/0	11/0
EDMOND HD	41/4	41/4	ML HLDGSS	135/0	136/0	U-FLOYD E	23/2	23/0
ELECTRA	292/4	292/0	MNT CHLT	93/0	94/0	U-FRD SEL	120/0	122/0
ELECTROCOM	211/0	212/0	MOLINS	196.0	192.0	U-H&H PT	225/0	225/0
ENAP	229/0	240/0	MONKS IT	282/0	283/0	U-HUGH.HT	182/0	182/0
ENESS	135/0	136/0	MORGAN CR	284/0	285/0	U-HUGHES	39/0	39/0
EMPIRE ST	179/0	178/0	MORGAN OF	27		U-ISRAEL	21/4	21/0
ENG.INT.J	301/0	302/0	MORGAN GR	274/0	274/0	U-KUNIKC	63/4	63/0
ETAN	192/0	191/0	MOUNTLEIGH	160/0	160/0	U-LON FRP	109/0	110/0
EURO.HOME	179/0	180/0	MOWLEN J	399/0	400/0	U-MICROWT	38/0	38/0
EUTROTHERM	315/0	315/0	MRY INCH	218/4	218/4	U-MOLNAR	31/0	31/0
EUTNL T	103/0	105/0	MRY INT	219/0	220/0	U-MONMNT	264/0	264/0
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EVOKO GRP	179/0	179/0	N.BRIT CA	420/0	420/0	U-MONMNT	264/0	264/0
EX.CO.LOU	255/0	257/0	N.ENG.LND	132/0	132/0	U-PAVION	41/2	41/0
EX.CO.LOU	255/0	257/0	N.ENG.LND	132/0	132/0	U-PAVION	41/2	41/0
F&C ENTER	33/0	33/0	NEARWTHIL	400/0	400/0	U-RNDSTRT	308/0	310/0
F&C EIROT	304/0	303/0	NORCROS	304/0	305/0	U-S&H SVS	475/0	475/0
F&C PACIF	179/0	181/0	NORFOLK C	37/2	38/0	U-S&H SVS	475/0	475/0
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EEC faces acute management shortage

LONDON, July 5. (Reuters): The European Economic Community faces an acute shortage of competent managers to take the corporate helm after 1992 when the EEC becomes a single market, according to a new report.

EEC plans to tear down internal barriers to facilitate trade have prompted a spate of takeovers, mergers and joint ventures but there remains a dearth of international managers, said the study by top British headhunter Saxton Bampfylde International.

"Demand for this rare breed of Euro-manager will far outstrip supply well before December 1992," it said.

The executive who can successfully turn from being a national highflyer into becoming a European league player is unlikely to be British or a woman, the survey said.

The new breed of Euro-executive is far

more likely to come from Scandinavia or countries such as the Netherlands and Belgium where people are forced to learn another language and feel at ease with other cultures.

"Women specifically are seen to lack the potential, partly because of the persistent assumption that they will find travelling difficult but mainly due to senior management's reluctance to let them develop," said the report.

Managers from Britain, written off by Napoleon as a nation of shopkeepers, were too parochial, said Saxton.

The survey, conducted among senior executives in Europe, forecast intensive poaching of the right people and said the elite group who meet Saxton's criteria will command dramatic salaries but will also face relentless pressures.

Having parents from different countries or having a foreigner wife helps to create

an ideal Euro-manager making him familiar with other cultures.

Social skills and mental agility are vital and the manager would ideally have attended an international business school, worked for a multinational company or worked in financial services.

But far from leading glamorous lives, one such executive said his had become "a kind of purgatory."

European managers interviewed were unanimous about the pressures of incessant work and said they had made trade-offs in terms of their health and marriages.

The perks of travel were no longer exciting. "What used to be an adventure is now a nightmare, with long delays and every flight jammed... it would be a luxury to find time to look at any museum or galleries."

Friendships and partnerships can be

wrecked with isolation a big drawback.

"We are management bedouins, living inside our tent, with very little social life."

The report discovered a particularly blinkered approach to recruitment in Britain where companies without a continental European base stand to lose out on business.

"Too often British companies are oblivious of the importance of appointing Euro-competent managers, who will be crucial to their commercial success after 1992," the report said.

British companies had unclear and inconsistent ideas about their personnel requirements after the unified market was set up which could bring serious recruitment errors, it said.

British businessmen came under fire for being narrow-minded about other European languages and cultures, and tac-

New debt strategy undergoes change

VIENNA, July 5. (OPECNA): The "new" Third World debt strategy has been described by a senior World Bank official as a "very positive" step towards relieving the financial burden on the world's poorest countries.

Akin Fatoyinbo, the bank's senior counsellor for external affairs, said here that debt reduction had now been accepted as an option which would receive support from international financial institutions, and contributions "had to come" from commercial banks.

He told a press conference, marking the official release of the bank's 1989 world development report today, that two extremely important developments had contributed to the "remarkable change" in the debt strategy.

The first was the 1988 Toronto summit agreement on the provision of debt relief to the world's poorest and most heavily indebted countries, mostly from sub-Saharan Africa, to be channelled from official creditors through the Paris Club.

The second, he said, was the plan by US Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady, calling for voluntary debt reduction programmes by commercial bank lenders, which "took a long time coming, but once it arrived, moved with remarkable speed."

Under this scheme, he pointed out, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank had already earmarked \$1.6 billion in debt relief to Mexico.

But, the official warned that these new relief measures were dependent on continued economic adjustment by the heavily indebted developing countries. Appropriate programmes were being supported "very strongly" by the World Bank.

Fatoyinbo pointed out that when one looked at the financial systems of developing countries today, "we find they are in total disarray... they are in distress."

This, he said, was due to the fact that many developing countries in the 1960s and 1970s had not paid enough attention to building a adequate infrastructure for their own financial processes.

Economic policy comes under fire

WARSAW, Poland, July 5. (AP): Acting head of political press, general Solidarity deputies criticised the government's economic performance yesterday during the opening of the first parliament with independent opposition in 40 years.

The discussion came after the communist government formally submitted its resignation to the Sejm or parliament, which now counts 161 Solidarity deputies among its 460 members following partially democratic elections in June.

In his first speech as a deputy, Jack Kuron, a Solidarity veteran who spent nine years in jail for opposition activities, took on Prime Minister Mieczyslaw Rakowski, who watched from a balcony.

Kuron said the citizens parliamentary club, as the Solidarity deputies are called, had followed government policy with "deep concern."

He said the government refrained from increasing prices during the election campaign, but unleashed a massive set of price rises once communist authorities suffered a humiliating defeat in the June vote.

The unofficial inflation rate is 100 per cent. Price increases in the last two weeks have hit sugar, cigarettes, alcohol, gasoline, refrigerators and washing machines.

The value of the US dollar, Poland's most valued currency, fluctuated wildly last week because of uncertainty over further price rises. The rate stabilised after the government announced a monthlong price-and-wage freeze starting July 1.

Paris, Moscow set to sign deals

Trade talks turn to oil exploration

PARIS, July 5. (Reuters): France and the Soviet Union, skirting the problem of Moscow's hard currency shortage, look set to sign trade deals on oil exploration and advanced television today, second day of Mikhail Gorbachev's visit.

The Soviet President took a break from official talks yesterday to see West European high definition television (HDTV), for the next generation of TV receivers, in action in President Francois Mitterrand's private studio.

Mitterrand, a strong advocate of the system being developed under the European Eureka research programme, is keen to woo Moscow away from the Japanese in an industry expected to be worth \$50 billion by the year 2000.

French officials said Soviet Deputy Prime Minister Lev

Voronov and French Trade Minister Roger Fauroux would sign an agreement on HDTV today.

The deal will boost the hopes of France's Thomson SA of setting up a joint television manufacturing venture in the Baltic states to produce 600,000 sets a year.

State oil giant Elf Aquitaine should also win its first permit for exploration in the Soviet Union, capping months of talks on an application to explore in the northern part of the Caspian Sea.

The first day of Gorbachev's visit generated a welter of business deals, including nine accords ranging from telecommunications to space plans.

The French state-owned Bank Credit Lyonnais announced that eight French firms would join the first European consortium aimed at boosting trade with the Soviet Union by using barter

deals to help repatriate profits.

However, some of the business deals discussed during Mitterrand's state visit to Moscow last November have not yet materialised.

These include plans for state-owned Pechiney to modernise a food-packaging factory in Armenia, for construction firm Bouygues to build four new Soviet airport terminals and for nuclear plant manufacturer Framatome to help dismantle obsolete power plants.

In addition, French officials, conscious of the trade gap with the Soviet Union, are reluctant to commit themselves to new purchases of Soviet raw materials.

Large imports of Soviet oil and gas are expected to widen France's trade gap to around six billion francs (\$923 million) this year from just over five billion francs (\$785 million) in 1988.

Coffee pact collapse good for drinkers

Bad for growers

LONDON, July 5. (Reuters): The collapse of a pact governing the world coffee trade could impoverish Third World producers but mean a cheaper cup of coffee, analysts believe.

The price of coffee, the world's most widely traded commodity after oil, tumbled more than 10 per cent when political and economic differences scuttled a 25-year-old agreement between producing and importing countries this week.

"It's good news for the consumer, but some smaller developing countries are going to find it even harder to service debt," one analyst said.

The 74-nation International Coffee Organisation (ICO) suspended export quotas yesterday, leaving the price of coffee to be determined by the free market.

Following the collapse of the agreement, the price of coffee stabilised around \$850 (\$1,360) per tonne on the London market today. Last week, it was trading above \$1,000 (\$1,600).

The quotas were enforced to limit the amount of coffee reaching world markets so as to guarantee stable prices for producing states and consumers alike.

But Western insistence that producers end curbs on sales to non-members of the pact and a demand that it cover more mild coffee varieties brought about the end of the accord.

The price of coffee in the shops may well drop if roasters resort to a price war to keep their share of

the retail market.

"Roasters (who process raw coffee) will certainly cut prices but existing high-priced stocks will take some time to use," a Swiss trader said.

The coffee pact was the latest commodity price agreement to collapse—tin, cocoa, wheat and sugar have all suffered the same fate—and its demise marks a turning point in Western attitudes on how to help Third World producers.

The accords were originally perceived as a benign way to guarantee the incomes of poor countries dependent on the export of foodstuffs. Now the West sees direct aid as more important and efficient.

They now prefer to help poorer nations through bilateral assistance rather than through pacts to stabilise their export earnings," a commodity analyst said.

Only the rubber pact is still operating to iron out price fluctuations. It is the only survivor of at least six international commodity pacts that have tried to keep raw material prices steady in recent years.

The Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) has intermittently managed to dictate world oil prices but it is a producers' organisation, and most oil importers, especially the United States, will not enter negotiations with it.

Producing countries will have to fight fiercely to keep their share in an oversupplied market and prices are expected to fall further.

GATT postpones discussion

China's bid to join trade body

GENEVA, July 5. (Reuters): The world trade body GATT has postponed consideration of China's bid to join the 96-nation forum "because of difficulties in having meaningful discussions in present circumstances," a GATT spokesman said today.

A special working party studying China's application was scheduled to meet next week to discuss a draft protocol for Beijing's possible accession to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT).

With China's agreement, the meeting has been put off until a

date to be announced later, spokesman David Woods said.

"The feeling among many of the participants in the working party was that in the present situation it would be very difficult for the working party to conduct a practical and meaningful discussion," Woods added.

He said the postponement was not intended as a sanction against China because of last month's crushing of pro-democracy demonstrations there.

Some countries needed more

time to study a document the GATT secretariat circulated some weeks ago, Woods said.

China was a founding member of GATT in 1948, but quit two years later after the communists took power. Beijing applied in July 1986 to "resume its seat" in the organisation, which sets the rules for four-fifths of world commerce.

The working party has been questioning China in detail about its economic and trade policies, covering tariffs, internal taxes and reform plans.

Fed action expected to lower US rates

WASHINGTON, July 5. (AP): Policy-makers at the US central bank will continue easing credit in an effort to keep a sluggish economy from sliding into recession, many analysts believed. That should translate into good news for borrowers.

Costs of a variety of loans, including mortgage rates and home equity loans, all are expected to head lower through the rest of the summer, private economists say.

The Federal Open Market Committee, composed of members of the Federal Reserve Board in Washington and five of the 12 regional Fed bank presidents, will meet today and tomorrow for an important mid-year review of where monetary policy is going.

The Fed, through its control of interest rates and the nation's money supply, has a powerful influence over the course of the economy. It strives to provide enough credit to keep the economy expanding while guarding against supplying so much money that inflation is rekindled.

In March 1988, the Federal Reserve began a credit-tightening effort which drove interest rates up by 3 full percentage points, depressing the housing market and sales of such big-ticket items as autos.

But last month, in a major policy shift, the Central Bank sent a key interest rate, the federal funds rate, down by 0.25 percentage point to around 9.5 per cent.

This rate, which is the interest that banks charge each other to make overnight loans, is considered the best early-warning signal of Fed intentions.

Iraq to build \$320 million expressway

BAGHDAD, July 5. (Reuters): Iraq has signed a contract with a consortium of state-owned and private companies to construct an expressway costing 100 million dinars (\$320 million), the Iraqi News Agency said today.

It quoted Housing and Reconstruction Minister Taher Mohammed Hassoun as saying the 87-km (52 miles) road was part of a 1,200-km (720-miles) highway stretching from Iraq's western borders with Jordan and Syria to its southern neighbour Kuwait.

The new expressway will connect the southern province of Qadisiyah with the southwestern province of Muthanna.

A consortium of foreign companies has already completed 75 per cent of the 1,200-km highway at a cost of a billion dinars (\$320 million).

Hassoun said the project, which would offer equal opportunities for the state-owned and private sectors, would be completed within 32 months of the start of work in mid-July.

Alfonso leaves Menem a heavy legacy

BUENOS AIRES, July 5. (Reuters): Argentine President Raul Alfonsín leaves a heavy legacy of hyper-inflation and political troubles for his successor, Carlos Menem, who takes power on Saturday.

Alfonso resigned last Friday, curtailing his six-year term by more than five months after acknowledging that his administration could not remedy Argentina's problems.

"There were things we did not know how to do. There were things we did not want to do, and there were things we could not do," he said in a recent speech.

Record inflation, growing unemployment and falling real wages last month sparked food riots in slum areas which left 15 dead and scores injured.

Even political foes credit Alfonso with restoring Argentina's international standing, tarnished by harsh military rule from 1976 to 1983.

"I believe that we Argentines inaugurated a new republican era in 1983. We once had an

oligarchic republic...then a military republic and now a democratic republic...though we still have far to go," Alfonso said this week.

He won international praise for ordering the trial of military rulers accused of crimes during the 1970s armed forces' "dirty war" crackdown on leftist guerrillas and dissidents.

But his economic record was no better than that of the military regime he succeeded, and political analysts say his radical party's economic failures led to its defeat by Menem's opposition Peronists in the May 14 elections.

Inflation rose to a one-month record of over 100 per cent in June, economists say, after a 78.5 per cent increase in May.

Unemployment has risen to six per cent from about four per cent when Alfonso took office. Hundreds of thousands of workers were laid off this year as inflation crippled production.

Salaries lost nearly half their purchasing power after a August 1988 remedial plan backfired in February, spurring prices and

sending the currency into a nosedive in which it lost over 96 per cent of its value against the US dollar.

Foreign creditors virtually cut off fresh funds after Argentina stopped servicing most of its \$60-billion external debt in April 1988. It has since piled up over \$3.5 billion in interest arrears.

Menem has promised to tackle the deficit with government spending cuts.

Despite Alfonso's bleak economic record, he imposed a state of siege only briefly in 1985. But his internationally-praised action in tackling the legacy of military rule caused him problems at home.

Two military ex-presidents and two former Army commanders are in jail after a radical-backed inquest on the disappearance of 9,000 people during the "dirty war."

But the trial also led to rebellions led by nationalist junior officers who challenged civilian power by calling for an end to the prosecution of military officers.



Tokyo money dealers grasp telephones in brisk trading as the dollar dropped in Tokyo on Friday. The dollar closed mixed following quiet afternoon trading after a volatile morning session left players exhausted, dealers said. (Reuters wirephoto)

Share prices rebound

TOKYO, July 5. (UPI): Share prices rebounded on small-lot buying on the Tokyo Stock Exchange today. Trading was moderate.

The Nikkei Average of 225 selected issues, which declined 46.04 yen yesterday, gained 119.33 yen to close at 33,309.71 yen.

Topix or the TSE index of all listed major stocks also climbed 8.47 points to 2,478.02.

An estimated 650 million shares changed hands, compared with 545.18 million shares yesterday. Brokers said investors welcomed the yen's rise against the dollar in Tokyo and engaged in buying, centring on small and medium-sized issues.

"The market was top-heavy in afternoon trading with investors taking profits from blue-chips, high-priced stocks," Hidetada Yoshida, a senior broker at Kidder Peabody International Corp. said. "They want to take quick profits before the upper house election (July 23)."

Shipbuilders and steels like Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, Kawasaki Heavy Industries, Nippon Steel and Kawasaki Steel gained. Constructions,

real estates and chemicals also were higher. Autos such as Toyota and Suzuki also firmed along with trading houses.

Electricals like TDK and Matsushita Electric Industrial, oils and some machinery issues lost ground.

The US dollar dropped against the Japanese yen in Tokyo today, closing at 140.22 yen, down 0.75 yen from yesterday's finish, the Bank of Japan said.

After opening higher at 141.20 yen, institutional investors and investment trusts, who overbought the dollar in recent trading, rushed for dollar-selling in anticipation of lower short-term interest rates in the United States.

The massive dollar selling by Japanese investors and European and the Middle East market players pushed down the dollar to a low of 139.85 yen.

Dealers said a rumour from New York that the Group of Seven industrialised nations will set a "target zone" for the dollar-yen rate in the coming Paris summit also distressed market sentiment for the dollar.

Basic system remains

E. Germany tinkers with economy

EAST BERLIN, July 5. (Reuters): East Germany is quietly tinkering with its rigid economic system but still rejects any major changes in the 18-year-old structure that gave it Communism's strongest economy.

"There's a lot of fiddling at the margins," said one Western diplomat who monitors the way East German experts wrestle with the increasingly sluggish economy. "Some of it is new and interesting, but it won't be enough in the long run."

Diplomats, economists and Communist Party sources say the economy compares well with those of more reform-minded allies.

At 15,700 marks (\$7,805), East Germany boasts the highest annual per capita income in Eastern Europe. There is no unemployment and rent and prices for food are kept low.

But growth is nearer one per cent than the official four, say the economists. Industry is dogged by outdated plant, poor infrastructure, labour shortages, high energy costs and a lack of invest-

ment. Inflation is put at about two per cent.

Consumer goods prices are disproportionately high and East Germans often rely on Western relatives for scarce items or to speed in hard-currency shops.

This all cuts no ice with Erich Honecker, who launched the last big reforms on becoming East German leader in 1971.

In Moscow on June 28 he told Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, a living symbol of East Europe's reform movement, East Germany was politically stable and economically dynamic.

"Continuing the proven course of a unified economic and social policy stimulates high performances," he said.

But the economists and sources said that despite the official view that the East German ship is on course there were five peripheral yet key areas where change is underway or mooted:

■ East Germany's central planning is being spiced with a dash of self-management for some of its

huge state combines.

■ Subsidies to industry are expected to be slashed or removed, although support for consumer basics will remain.

■ Renewed emphasis is being put on private enterprise as a way to ease problems in the food industry and retail trade.

■ Agriculture price reforms and other changes are planned from 1991 and 17 collective farms are already experimenting.

■ East German companies are showing a willingness to work with Western firms, but they still avoid joint ventures.

Party sources said economists were also already studying possible models for the post-Honecker era but only in outline.

Under the combine experiment, 16 of the 200 enterprises are already allowed to reinvest some profits and 40 more from key sectors like electronics will join the scheme next year.

"They are being given a measure of independence on investment, including with some of their hard currency earnings," said one diplomat acquainted with the scheme.

Economy now dangerously slipping

Turkish inflation rises

ANKARA, July 5. (Reuters): Turkey's inflation rate surged in June and economists said today that it was likely to go higher, disputing optimistic forecasts by Prime Minister Turgut Ozal.

"The economy is now dangerously slipping," warned Bosphorus University economist Tansu Ciller after the government said yesterday that year on year consumer inflation rose to 67.7 per cent from 62.8 per cent in May.

Price hikes in recent weeks of 10 per cent for electricity and up to 50 per cent for sugar are likely to be followed by more rises in July, the economists said.

They said government domestic borrowing to pay for budget spending and pay rises of 140 per cent for some state workers would help push inflation above 70 per cent by the end of this year.

"If this trend stays a 100 per cent inflation (rate) in 1990 is very likely," said Erdogan Alkin, an economist at Istanbul University.

Ozal, whose free-wheeling policies since he took office in 1983 built him a reputation as economic maverick, forecast on Monday an inflation level of 60 per cent or below by the end of this year.

Government austerity measures helped rein in inflation before June after it hit a peak of 87.5 per cent in November.

Some economists warned that inflation could spin out of control. "It is very dangerous to see rising inflation at a time the economy is running severely slow and there are no signs of increasing demand," said Tayfun Bayazit, vice-president at private Yapi Kredi Bank.

Gross national product growth fell to 3.4 per cent in 1988 from 7.4 per cent a year earlier. Growth is targeted at 3.7 per cent for this year.

Bankers added that the economic slowdown could hit exports, pushing Turkey back into current account deficit after a \$1.5 billion surplus in 1988 — the first surplus since 1973.

US Embassy celebrates Independence Day

'Scudder Gate' — a symbol of friendship

A TRADITIONAL Kuwaiti door has become a symbol of lasting friendship between the US and Kuwait. Installed at the American Ambassador's residence on July 4, 1989, it commemorates the decades-old friendly ties between the two countries, and honours a distinguished member of the American community, Mrs Dorothy Scudder.

It was formally inaugurated at the American Embassy in Kuwait on Tuesday at a special ceremony marking the 213th anniversary of the Independence of the United States of America.

At the ceremony, US Ambassador W. Nathaniel Howell, dedicated the new formal entrance to the garden of the Ambassador's residence to friendship with the people of

Kuwait and the staff of one of the first hospitals, American Mission.

The gate has been named the "Scudder Gate" after Mrs Dorothy Scudder and her late husband, Dr L.R. Scudder. They joined the staff of the American Mission Hospital in 1939 and Dr Scudder became its last director.

The gate was named after the Scudders to "honour Mrs Scudder's 50 years of residence and service in Kuwait and the work of all Mission Hospital staff dating back to the first decade of the century", Howell said.

A plaque on the door is thus inscribed: "Dedicated July 1989 to honour Mrs Dorothy Scudder, resident in Kuwait since 1939, and to recognise the contributions of Dr L.R. Scud-

der and the men and women of the American Mission who opened the door to lasting friendship between the peoples of the United States and Kuwait."

The 1951 traditional Kuwaiti door, restored by the Embassy's maintenance personnel, recalls the period beginning in 1951 when the American Consulate was established near the American Mission Hospital inside the walls of old Kuwait. The Consulate moved to its present location, on the Gulf Street, in about 1960 and was redesignated an Embassy in 1961.

Howell also hosted a reception at his residence for ambassadors and top Kuwaiti officials and businessmen to mark the July 4 celebration in the US.



Mrs Scudder (above) was honoured for her service to Kuwait. (Photos by Javed Basra)

NIGHT CHEMIST

Kuwait
Dubai Pharmacy
Souq Wajid, Al Jazeera St.
Al Basmani Pharmacy
Ahmad Al Jaber St.
Al Sharq Square
Hawalli and Nugra
Al Hadeetha Pharmacy
Nugra, Ibn Khaldoun St.
Al Othman Complex
Salmiya and Rumaitiyya
Dina Pharmacy
Amman St.
Fahadheel and Ahmadi
Al Iman Pharmacy
Fahadheel, Makkah St.
Jleeb Al Shuyoukh
Al Hasawiya Pharmacy
Main St. Plot No. 3
Jahra
Al Najah Pharmacy
The Fourth Area, Plot No. 48

FRIDAY

Kuwait
Al Jahra Pharmacy
Fahad Al Salem St.
Al Aqwaq Building
Tala Pharmacy
Al Hilali St.
Hawalli and Nugra
Al Firdous Pharmacy
Nugra, Beirut St.
Salmiya and Rumaitiyya
Al Quds Pharmacy
Amman St.
Fahadheel and Ahmadi
Adel Pharmacy
Fahadheel, Al Daboos St.
Kheitan
Al Walida Pharmacy
Main St.
Jahra
Al Noor Pharmacy
Matafi St.

CINEMA

Al Andalus
The Beast Master
Al Salmiya
Revenge of the Nerds II
Al Hamra
Booby Trap
Drive-In
Arabic film
Firdous
Mera Shikar, Starring Kabir Bedi, Dimple Kapadia
Fahadheel Open Air
Taxi Chor
Al Fahadheel
Awaz
Al Jahra
Arabic Film
Granada
Iron Angels
Al Salmiya
Thunder Run
Al Jleeb
Gunahon Ka Faisala
Ahmadi Drive-In
Arabic Film

FRIDAY

Al Jahra
Deadly Reactor
Granada
Vardi
Al Salmiya
Chase
Al Jleeb
Khoon Bhari Maang

PRAYERS

Fajr	3.20 am
Zuhr	11.53
Asr	3.27 pm
Maghreb	6.51
Isha	8.23

Fajr	3.21 am
Friday Prayer	11.53
Asr	3.27 pm
Maghreb	6.51
Isha	8.22

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Kuwait Science Museum
OPEN Saturday to Wednesday, 8-9 pm only. Natural history exhibits from in and around Kuwait, including blue whale. Closed on Thursday and Friday.

Islamic Arts Museum
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon and 4.00 to 7.00 pm. Collection includes rare Islamic artefacts, Quranic manuscripts, ceramics, carpets and marine equipment. Arabian Gulf St.

Sadu House
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon, 4 to 7.00 pm. Exhibits include bedouin handicrafts — rugs, saddle bags, cushions and textiles. Closed on Friday.

Tareq Rajab Museum
Sat - Thurs: 9-12 noon and 4-7 pm. Also open on Fridays from 9 to 12 noon.

SOCIAL

"Hotter Than July"

July 7 (Friday): A pop, rock, country and reggae music festival to be held at the Messilah Beach Hotel Ballroom from 7 to 10 pm. The groups to be featured are Top Ranks, Earthquake, Zambesi, Manila Boys, Louie Villeveau, Daniel Sisters and special guest appearance by Steve Michael. Tickets priced at KD5/- are available at: Messilah Beach Hotel - Tel. 5624111 Ext. 721/729; Art Corner, Nugra: 2665068/2659820; Swan Lake Recording, Salmiya: 5721030; No. 1 Records, Sultan Center — 5719620 Ext. 46.

Special offer for office and home delivery of tickets please call 2669963, 3928504 and 5639689.

Musical instruments will be given as gifts on entrance tickets.

Indian Arts Circle
JULY 7, (Friday): To bid farewell to the ambassador of India a tea party is being arranged at 6.30 pm at the Indian Arts Circle, Funaites.

Red and Black Nite
THE Red and Black Nite will be held on July 12, and not July 11 as previously announced. Raven Tangri of the Weekend said the venue will not change. It will be held in the Sheikhha Ballroom, Regency Palace Hotel, Top Ranks. Perfect Strangers and Stepping Stones in attendance. Highlights: selection of Red and Black couple; original costume and live contest. For reservations call Hilary — 5741380; Julio — 5734513; Mercedes — 4890566; Raven — 2401803/804.

D'Assisi Social Evening
AUG 1: D'Assisi Association will hold their social evening at the Messilah Beach Hotel. The highlights of the evening will be the crowning of D'Assisi Queen. Top Ranks and Stepping Stones will provide the music. For more information contact Joe Jack Ferns on 5644178, Henry 3717346 or contact A.M. Fine Arms, Shop No. 34, Al Karak Super Market, near GPO, Kuwait.

United Goans
AUG 3: Summerbelle '89 is about to happen. United Goans Centre present "Top Ranks and Stepping Stones" in a music-saturated evening at the Tent SAS Hotel. Crowning of Summerbelle, various competitions, etc. to keep you on your toes. For details contact: Moses 2454266, Joe 5655140 Anicet 2439249 after 6 pm.

Independents Ball
AUG 17, 8.30 pm onwards at Messilah Beach Hotel. Music by Top Ranks and Perfect Strangers. Organised by Kuwait Independents Hockey. For tickets and details call Shree Bajaj (2445825) or Flavien D'Mello (2421252) after 7.30 pm.

Kapilku Children's Contest
AUGUST 18: Kapilku will hold the Little Mr and Ms. Philippines, Kuwait, contest at Kuwait Plaza Hotel. This coincides with Araw ng Mga Bata (Children's Day). Last date for submitting entries is July 28. For details contact Jojo Medrano, AYP, welfare and special projects, VCP Rosale Austria or VP Sarah Macarimbang - Tel: 483447.

Tivim Centre
OCT. 26: Tivim Centre's Breeze 89 is going to hit the floors of Ramada Al Salmi Hotel New Ballroom at a social evening organised in commemoration of village festival. Top Rank and Stepping Stones will provide scintillating music. Lot of surprises await. For further information contact the organisers.

Hotels
At the Kuwait Plaza
Enjoy the fun: join the celebration of fun and games every Friday at Al Dallah cof-

fee shop where you enjoy all kinds of delicious food. Continental dishes, mezzah, special sweets and Arabic ice-cream. A unique ambience with the most celebrated magician in town. A gift for every child. Fun for the whole family with Walt Disney characters. KD3.000 per child, KD4.500 per adult.

Loulwah corner: Featuring delights of Arabic ice-cream with nine different flavours specially made for the Kuwait Plaza by Syrian experts. Also offers jumbo size of all sorts of sandwiches ranging from the famous Lebanese 'forrouj'; chicken with garlic to steak sandwiches with the Plaza special touch. The famous oud player Fawzi Jamal who sings the best of the good old days songs. A special 4 course lunch for only KD2.500.

Marco Polo: Enjoy the authentic Italian atmosphere which makes you feel that you are in the heart of Rome. Taste the real Italian lasagne and spaghetti with the largest size of pizza and savour your favourite Italian dishes while you are listening to Stan and Alice, the famous duo in town.

Swimming and Keep Fit

SWIMMING lessons have commenced at the Holiday Inn which is available for non-members. Monday (6 to 7 pm) separate ladies and mens fit classes with Steve and Chris Hill.

Saturdays and Wednesdays (5 to 6 pm) ladies aerobics and Saturdays (6 to 7 pm) mixed aerobics, with Touvi Pakasalo. Saturdays and Tuesdays Yoga (7 to 8 pm).

Bowling alley available for company tournaments. Sundays squash handicap tournament, all standards welcome...

Tennis coaching available for non-members and additional facilities available under the supervision of selective professionals: loss of weight, body building, massage (steam - oil - and cream) for ladies and men.

Please contact the recreation department tel. 4742000 ext 6788 or 6700.

At the Messilah Beach
AL MUBARAKIAH, the only 24 hour restaurant in Kuwait, offers a full spectrum of local and Continental specialities with daily buffet for breakfast, lunch and dinner plus a la carte menu.

Al-Jawharah Super Night Club: Live entertainment by the resident "Rainbow" band with extensive a la carte menu on Wednesday and special buffet on Thursday.

Al-Berdouneh beach garden restaurant open daily Sunday to Friday offering a variety of succulent charcoal grills, Lebanese mezza, freshly baked Markouk bread and Hubble Bubble.

At the SAS

WELCOME on board Al Boom. Dine on our delicious mezzah buffet followed by our favourite speciality from our wide selection of fine charcoal grills and finish off with della coffee or have a puff from the hubble bubble/pipe. Dinner daily and lunch every Thursday and Friday. For reservation, call 5657000 ext 403 or 540.

At the Kuwait International GARDEN POOL: Kubli Khan Mongolian barbecue every Friday afternoon. Mix and match your lunch while it is prepared according to your palate. Ext 8006.

La Palma: Presents a culinary trip around the world featuring authentic Chinese, Indian, Mexican, African, Italian, British, German/Austrian, Turkish and Arabic dishes. Theme nights on Tuesdays and Saturdays. Ext 8166.

La Patisserie: Serves continental breakfast and afternoon tea.

At the Meridian
UNTIL July 31: Ice cream promotion at Al Waha Restaurant in the Salmiya Complex.

At the Ramada Hotel
EL BENDAR coffee shop at the Ramada Hotel offers continental and Arabic buffets daily for breakfast, lunch and dinner from 6 am to 12 mid night daily, a la carte also available. A selection of home baked cakes, gateaux and tarts made to order.

Ramada Al Salmi lobby lounge open 10 am to 11 pm on Sundays offering a selection of coffee, tea and juice, cakes and pastries available.

SPORTS

Keep fit
ACQUAFITNESS, judo, karate and taekwondo classes at the Kuwait International Hotel. Ladies keep fit sessions three times a week at La Palma Fitness Centre after which free use of the pool is invited. Barbecue lunch every Friday afternoon by the Garden Pool.



Ahmad Al Ayoub, chief of protocol at Kuwait's Foreign Ministry, shakes hands with Mrs Howell as Ambassador Howell looks on at the July 4 reception hosted by the envoy. In the background is the open door of friendship.

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

9.00 Opening and Holy Quran
9.15 Sabah Al Khair: news and variety
9.30 Cartoons
10.00 Magazine D'Actualite
10.15 Hafat Al Hawiya: Arabic serial (last part)
11.00 Sabah Al Khair: news and variety
11.15 Al Nisr Wa Ayoun Al Madinah: Arabic serial (Part 16)
12.00 Sabah Al Khair: news and variety
12.05 Local programme, prepared by Qasem Abdul-Qader, presented by Dua' Abdul Rahman
1.00 News summary
1.05 The World Today via satellite
1.30 Futuna: cartoon serial
2.00 Variety
2.15 Al Shams Ba'ada Al Ghoyoom: Arabic serial (Part 3)
3.00 Mawsoot Al Sona Al Nabawiya: religious programme
3.30 Bibi Folk and Calimiro: Cartoon serial
4.00 Hayat Fi Thalathat Ayam: Local feature, starring Haya Al Fahad, Khaled Al Obaid, and Zainab Al Dhahi
6.00 Cartoons
7.00 Variety
7.30 Looking for Adventure: Cultural programme

8.30 Ma'a Al Islam: Religious programme, prepared and presented by Dr Khaled Al Mathkour
9.00 News in Arabic
10.00 Al Yaqeen: Daily Arabic serial (Part 2)
10.45 Lanat Al Mal: Arabic feature film, starring Yousif Shaban, Iman, Hussain Al Sharbini
12.15 Variety
1.15 News summary
1.20 The World Today via Satellite
1.50 Holy Quran and Closedown

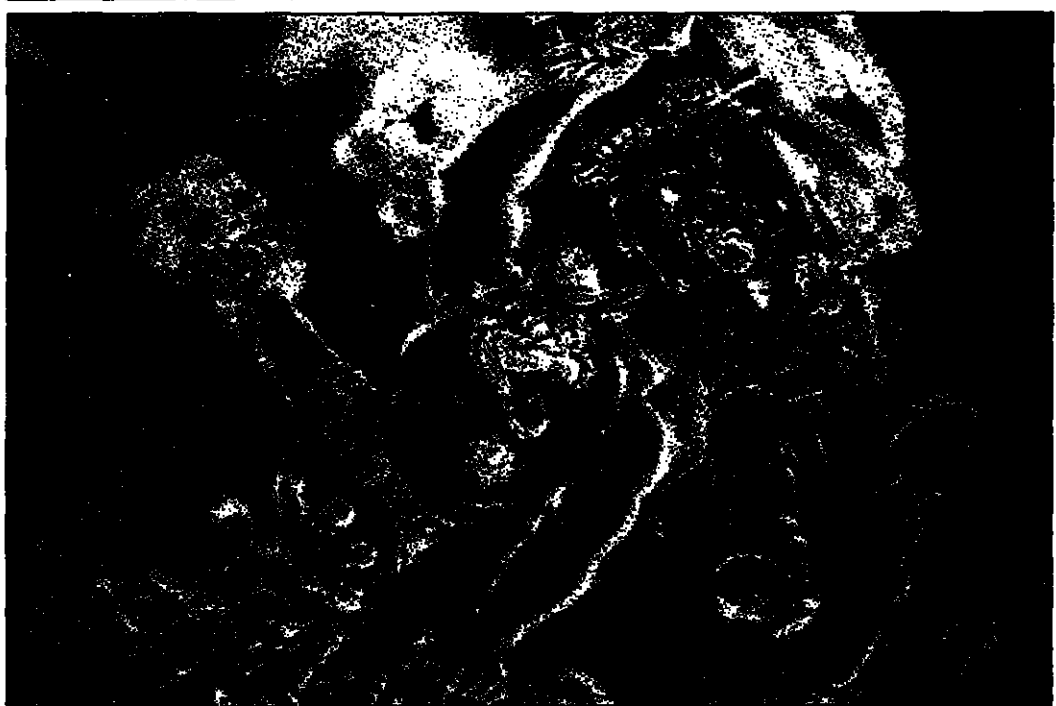
FRIDAY

9.00 Opening and Holy Quran
9.25 Cartoons
10.00 Magazine D'Actualite
10.15 Children magazine: Local children programme
10.45 Al Abadeeth Al Mawdoon: Religious programme, presented by Sheikh Salah Abu Ismael
11.15 Friday prayers
12.30 Alwan: Local variety programme presented by Fatma Abdul Wahab
1.00 News summary
1.05 The World Today via Satellite
1.30 Istirahat Al Jomaa (Friday Break): Local variety programme
4.00 Cowboy Fi Al Dih-diba: local feature, starring Ibrahim Al Salal, Ahmad Al Saleh, Abdul Aziz Al Namash

7.00 Kuwait in a Week: Local documentary programmes
7.30 Weekly TV
8.00 Cultural programme
8.45 Hadeeth Al Osboon: Religious programme, presented by Sheikh Ali Al Jassar
9.00 News in Arabic
10.00 Wrestling
10.45 Kalam: Variety programme with guest artist Omar Al Sharif
12.00 News summary
12.05 The World Today via Satellite
12.30 Holy Quran and Closedown

KTV 2

6.00 Opening and Holy Quran
6.10 The Real Ghostbusters: cartoon series
6.30 Take Hart: A new series for children
7.00 The Industrious Bees
7.30 T and T: Turner and Taylor look for a mother who has deserted her child
8.00 News in English
8.30 Haj: a special programme
9.00 Beauty and the Beast: a talented girl turns away from her success. Starring: Linda Hamilton, Ron Perlman
10.30 Thursday's feature film: "The Child Saver" Starring: G. Woodward, Michael Warren. A film director tries to help a woman involved with



A poster of 'The Real Ghostbusters' on KTV 2 at 6.10 pm today.

a gang of drug smugglers
12.00 News summary; Magazine D'Actualite; Holy Quran and Closedown

FRIDAY

6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 Silver Hawk: cartoon serial
6.30 Inter Bang: the professor changes his disguise to save his life
7.00 Walt Disney Movie: Tonight's movie tells the story of how Scott and his lamb survive despite heavy odds against them
8.00 News in English
8.30 Haj: a special programme
9.15 International Variety Show featuring songs and music; plus talk of the stars
10.00 Open All House: This British comedy is set in a corner shop and revolves around a miserly grocer, who this time wants to revive his social activities
10.30 Moonlighting: Bruce Willis and Cybil Shepherd play Maddie and David. Tonight, Maddie sees the vision of an angel
11.30 News summary; Magazine D'Actualite; Holy Quran/Closedown



Hayat Al Fahad in 'Hayat Fi Thalathat Ayam' Arabic film on KTV 1 at 4.00 pm today.

Toyota Motor Corp's results for May

TOYOTA CITY: Toyota Motor Corporation announced its production, domestic registration, export and overseas production results for May 1989. Total production for May was 327,749 units, an increase of 4.9 per cent from May 1988. This was the first time in two months that total production exceeded that of the same month of the previous year.

The production breakdown was 254,368 passenger cars, up 9.2 per cent, and 73,381 trucks and buses, down 7.6 per cent as compared to May 1988. Overseas production was 38,657 units, up 11.9 per cent from May 1988.

Total domestic registrations were 179,165 units, up 20.6 per cent from last May. This was the second consecutive month in which domestic registrations exceeded those of the same month of the previous year and the highest number of registrations ever for the month of May. (The previous record was 148,596 units in May 1988).



Signing contract

Contract has been signed between M/S. Reuters Middle East Ltd and M/S. Al Ray Deco & Furniture Organisation specialised in office organisation and interior decoration designs, for the refurbishing and decorating the Reuters new headquarters office. In the photo seen are Barry Simpson manager of Reuters Middle East and Abdul Karim Moqaddass managing director of Al Ray Deco & Furniture Organisation and technical manager Paul Russell of Reuters Ltd and Engineer Robinson Obidos.

Polaroid's instantly yours Kuwait winner

POLAROID has announced that Ms Olga Pereira is the lucky Kuwait winner of their exciting "Instantly Yours" competition. The fantastic prize of a seven day trip to Disneyland, flown courtesy of Lufthansa German Airlines, awaits the successful Ms Pereira and the other Gulf winners, who will be announced shortly.

The "Instantly Yours" competition ran from March to June and coincided with the Polaroid launch of their Impulse Camera and 600 plus

film. Entrants were required to submit an entry form, which accompanied every twin pack of 600 plus film, and a Polaroid photograph depicting "Instant Fun".

The successful entrant is not the only winner with Polaroid however, the competition also catered for Polaroid dealers. A prize of a 50 gramme gold bar will be presented to the dealer who sold the winning twin pack of film. The lucky Kuwait dealer has decided to give his prize to World Photo.

Shabana relegated to subsidiary roles

Career on the rocks

By Firoze Rangoonwalla

A HIGHLY gifted and natural artiste like Shabana Azmi ought to be getting a variety of roles. But the sad fact is that Shabana is facing almost a dead-end of her career. Shabana had tried, somewhat successfully, to keep one foot each in commercial and art films. Now, both are becoming too distant.

The *Ankur* and *Fakira* girl is at a stage where she can neither be a young raw earthy creature, nor a glamour puss, nor a mature character actress. Her few forthcoming films show a strange graph. Two of them are by Aparna Sen. In *Sati*, she plays a retarded village woman who becomes the victim of an 18th century custom. The deaf-mute orphan is dependent on her uncle and aunt. They make her work hard and when they can't find a husband or dowry, they get her married to a tree.

A school teacher traps her and she gets pregnant. Discarded by everyone, she comes for shelter to the dumb tree. In one of those terrible Bengal storms, the tree falls on her. She is killed and the blood fills her hair-parting, like red vermillion which is symbol of matrimony. Shabana has done a good role but Aparna delayed *Sati* beyond all limits. The NFDC production was started in April 1987.

In its final shape, the film does not make much impact and Shabana suffers in the process. Otherwise, it could have gone on to claim national and world festival awards. Aparna's other work is *Pleinic*, in which Shabana plays a totally opposite role, that of an urban, up-to-date woman. A group of friends go on a whole-day picnic and the interactions lead to complications and revelations. This is only a telly film and it has not been scheduled for airing. In Mrinal Sen's TV film *Ek Din Achanak*, Shabana is a member of a joint family, which means a supporting role.

Shabana has no other art film ready at hand. Her international career also seems to have ended with *Madame Sousatzka* and *Bengali* played by Shabana has not matured. Among commercial films, *Tinu Anand's Satyam* has Amitabh with the actress, in a special role written by her husband Javed Akhtar. But it is indefinitely delayed due to Amit's shaken career.

The film released is *Rakhwala* of D. Rama Naidu, which was made



Shabana Azmi plays grandmother in *Amba*, in which she stars with Anil and Meenakshi.

very fast. Anil Kapoor and Farha dominate it, while Shabana plays a subsidiary role having scenes with Suresh Oberoi. A film making slow progress is *Amba* of Mohan Kumar (who made *Avtaar* with Rajesh Khanna and Shabana). It has Anil and Meenakshi, and Shabana plays motherly role. This too, is, no big help to her future.

In a way, Shabana is responsible for wrongly steering her career. She has said a firm "no" to the small screen, when TV serials and video could have explored her talent. And then, she wastes a lot of time on political protests and other causes, also rubbing important people the wrong way. Producers are afraid of her presence in the film may cause problems or get rejected for telecasting and so on. Moreover, she has declared that she may decide to have a baby any time. And so we have good talent gone to waste.



Dharmendra: still going strong

No problem

Q. Which type of roles suit you?

A. I fit into all kinds of roles. It is a job to be done. But personally I like simple straightforward roles, not requiring a very heavy performance. *Laathi* is such a film. But it is being delayed a lot.

Q. Why don't you make a film with such a role?

A. Yes, I have great plans of doing a story which I love very much. It is like my dream. But at present people want Dharmendra the actor and I have too many films. So I go on acting.

Q. Have you charted out your future course?

A. It is all in the destiny. We can't shape our future. Look at others. Some of them walked so very carefully and cautiously. Yet, they reached nowhere. I take life as it comes. No preparation or advance thinking.

Q. What aspect of acting do you find difficult?

A. Not exactly difficult but annoying. That is singing and dancing. I keep worrying that people may make fun of me. Somehow these dance steps and shaking of the body confuse me. I can't pick it up.

Q. There are complaints that you come late, harass the producers and demand too much money?

A. An artiste is also a human being. We have our own difficulties. Does an office-goer not fall sick and take leave? But I have not harassed anybody purposely or with some intention. Much of my fees I have also failed to recover. Many people have made films with me, mainly of the strength of friendship.

Q. Will your sons take your place one day?

A. They will take their own place. Sunny is a good actor. He should be selective and shine in a few wonderful films. No point in doing dozens of backdated roles. The other boy Bobby is still too young. He must finish his graduation and then start a career.

Q. When will you again pair with Hema on screen? What's the problem?

A. No problem. Producers must ask us and cinegoers must accept us.

Q. Your opinion on star affairs and romances?

A. Many of the affairs are only rumours. It all starts when two people are just seen together. Cinegoers want stars to look superhuman. So they believe it. When you have too many films, where is the time for an affair?

BY mistake I took a seat in the smoking section of the *Metroliner* to New York the other day. I hadn't been in a smoking area of anything for five years so I was excited to be with so many dedicated puffers.

After I sat down, I glanced around me. The travellers in the section appeared to have a sallow look on their faces and bags under their eyes. I also noticed that there wasn't much chatter. Each person had his own cigarette and seemed to be deep in thought.

The man next to me was particularly gray. He pulled a Pall Mall out of a package and lit it with shaking hands. I tried to make friendly conversation with him. "I used to be a smoker. I gave it up five years ago, but I don't mind other people smoking because I feel that what they do to their breathing organs is their own business."

He inhaled deeply and blew the smoke in my face. "Some of my best friends are smokers," I assured him. "They're neat people,

The Art Buchwald Column

Smoking permitted

too, even though most of them have nicotine stains on their fingers. But I respect them for sticking up for their beliefs. It's not easy to light up a Camel these days and hear the roar of the crowd."

The man stared at his shoes.

"I was a cigar smoker," I said. "I must have smoked seven or eight a day, and nobody liked me because my clothes always smelled funny. So I said to myself, 'I have to change my way of life and become part of the human race, even if it means renouncing Monte Cristos and Upmanns.' It wasn't easy, but what choices did I have? The intensive care units of hospitals all over the country kept sending me brochures with discount offers."

The man looked out the window at Trenton and puffed smoke against the glass.

"What I find most interesting about smokers," I told him, "is that they never say much. They're mostly thinking. I have no idea what kind of thoughts you have, but you give the impression that you know something I don't. Whenever I see people smoking outside the building where they work, I say to myself, 'I wish I could get into their heads and find out what is really going on.'"

The man's cigarette was slowly burning down, and I could see smoke curling up into his nostrils. I was feeling a little woozy myself, but I was afraid that if I moved I would hurt his feelings.

I waited until we passed

Princeton to engage him in further conversation, when he was on his fourth cigarette. "I like cigarette advertisements because they always suggest that cigarettes and sex go together. Do you smoke in bed with your wife?" I asked.

"Why don't you just buzz off," he said in what could have been interpreted as an angry voice. "No offense," I said. "It's just that I haven't been in the smoking section for so long I have all these questions stored up and they just seem to pour out of me. By the way, you have burned a hole in your suit."

The man called over to the conductor, "This passenger is in a smoking section and he's not smoking."

The conductor lifted me up by my arms and said, "You go down to the other car, sonny, and stay there. These people have enough to worry about without being driven crazy by a troublemaker like you. 1988, Los Angeles Times Syndicate

Behind the Screen

Jaya Prada is silently competing with Dimple and Rekha. In *Zakhmi Zameen*, she is wearing the same kind of weird dresses, caps etc. that Dimple wore in *Gunahon Ka Faisla* and Rekha wears in *Madame X*. She avenges her husband's murder by bringing up her son as a cop. The question is whether such a formula role will suit Jaya Prada's image.

Dharmendra is making a big mistake by pairing up with Raakhee, even if he is appearing just as a guest star. He may get stamped as a screen papa, since Raakhee does not have any other type of image except as screen mama, also known as "buddhi". That's why Dharmendra keeps posing with youngsters like Anita and Amrita.

Is Sunny bringing in the vogue of male semi-nudity by keeping his shirt off in many scenes? When the heroine is supposed to plunge in the water, Sunny takes her place. We hope other heroes don't ape him.

Deepika has boldly declared that she will take up any type of sexy role and do any sort of rape scene, because she wants to turn away public attention from her image as goddess Sita. The tiny actress says: "After the serial *Ramayan*, I have to continue my career and not allow it to halt. That's why I have allowed rape scenes in *Lahar* and attractive dresses in other films." That's why she is also keeping away from Sanjay Jag who is forcing his affair on her and made a rumour about it during a recent shooting. For the press, too, Deepika is playing hard to get, as her people make all kinds of false excuses. Perhaps, she has too many embarrassing questions to answer.

Anooradha is said to have gone underground, with *Gharwali Baharwali* flopping and her finishing school also being finished. She has to pay back the loans for renting the space for the school and the answer, as in all such cases, goes "but there is no money."

Star quotes ... star quotes ...

Rekha: My affairs with Imran Khan and Robert de Niro? It's all rubbish. If you meet a person two or three times, it does not become an affair. How can I like Imran Khan? I don't like cricket at all. Even Kapil Dev looks better to me.

Aamir Khan: Dev Anand told me that I will be the hero of *Aawaaz Number* and he would appear only in a few scenes. Now, I have hardly done some days' shooting and he says the film is complete. It's very unfortunate.

Chumky: I don't want to be No.1. I want to be the last resort. I want to be a necessary evil, a vice, an addiction. I don't want to be in people's minds. I want to be in their blood.

Aaditya: These gossip mongers and their stories about me with the industry girls

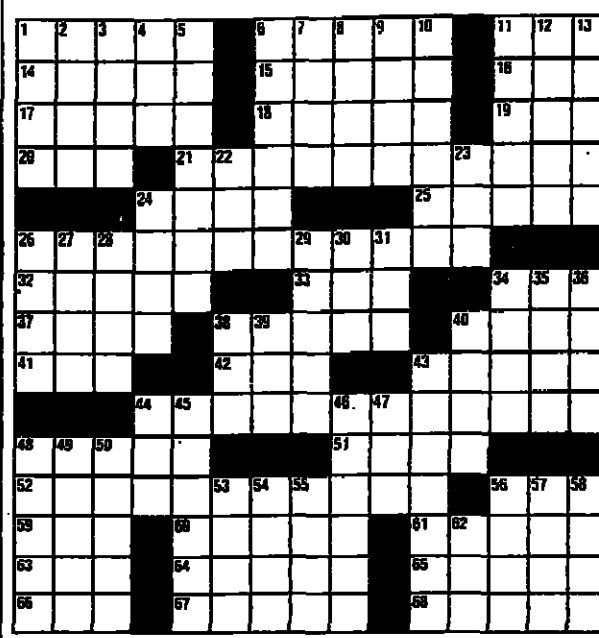
ruined my marriage. I have been linked with Kimi, Mandakini, Amrita, Rekha, Amala, you name them and I have them.

Shammi Kapoor: Everything today is so mechanical. The stars are directed by remote control. They all come, give the shots and rush off to the next set. It was all so different in our days.

Jeetendra: A star's worth depends on success. So why put on these high and mighty airs? If the film flops, the producer is ruined. But the star also goes down. Nobody will touch him with a barge-pole.

Kimi: If you have got "glamour" what is the harm in showing it? Talent and glamour together only can bring success. Otherwise even Deepthi Naval would have been a star.

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- Roman assembly
 - Trimmed the lawn
 - Rubenesque
 - Patti LaPore role
 - Leningrad's Kirov offering
 - Primate
 - Communications medium
 - Popular material
 - Talk, mod style
 - Wash.-NY dir.
 - The middle class
 - Follow
 - Of value
 - Much-publicized legal case
 - Church feature
 - Hoodier humorist
 - An O'Neal, to friends
 - Sound from a den
 - Bea Arthur role
 - Muslim of the Philippines
 - Biblical verb ending
 - Hockey name of fame
 - Curry flavoring
- DOWN**
- Thing settled unequivocally
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 - Pretensions
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 - "ich" — ein Berliner
 - Steak
 - "All jesting" — or Paul
 - 63 Poetic palindrome
 - Mirthful
 - Hopeless case
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 - Tennis ace
 - Arthur and family
 - Senior
 - Honor
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 - Ruffie feathers
 - Western team member
 - Heavyweight champion: 1934 for short
 - Apollo unit
 - 15 Across, in Bonn
 - Notable puzzle editor
 - Mills of the opera
 - Lacs — love
 - knot
 - Modern Persian
 - "To fetch —"
 - Portable home
 - Chemical ending
 - Social follower
 - Paul
 - Thanks —
 - Beehive
 - State
 - Gene Tierney role
 - Educator's deg.
 - Scout or worker
 - Partner of circumstance
 - Pod, for one
 - Novelist
 - Morrison: 1988 Pulitzer winner
 - "L'etat, c'est —"
 - Columnist
 - Buchwald
 - Fall blooms, for short
 - Collision
 - adornment
 - watchdog
 - "Peer Gynt" role
 - West Pointers
 - Labor initials

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

A STEP IN THE WRONG DIRECTION!

Both vulnerable. North deals.

NORTH
 ♠ Q 10 3
 ♥ K 10 9 6
 ♦ A Q 6
 ♣ A K 3

WEST
 ♠ 7 4
 ♥ Q 5 3 2
 ♦ 8 4 3
 ♣ 9 6 5 2

EAST
 ♠ A K J 5
 ♥ Void
 ♦ J 10 9 7 2
 ♣ 10 8 7 4

SOUTH
 ♠ 9 8 6 2
 ♥ A J 8 7 4
 ♦ K 5
 ♣ Q J

The bidding:

North 1 ♠ 1 ♣ 2 ♠ 3 ♠

East 1 ♣ 1 ♠ 2 ♠ 3 ♠

South 2 ♠ 3 ♠ 4 ♠ 5 ♠

West 1 ♣ 1 ♠ 2 ♠ 3 ♠

Opening lead: Seven of ♠

We all have a bit of larceny in our hearts. If we indulge our weakness in everyday life, the consequences could be disgraceful. If we do so at the bridge table and are successful, we can earn accolades from our peers.

We are taught from the day we learn bridge never to overcall on a four-card suit. We are taught

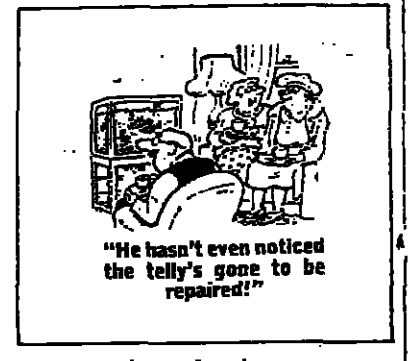
wrongly. If you can show a good four-card major, such as East's, as the one-level, it is criminal not to do so. In this case the overcall had little effect, except to get West off to the right lead. North, who had rated his hand as too strong for a one no trump opening, showed his values by bouncing into game at his second turn.

West led the top of his spade doubleton. East won the jack and king, and continued with the ace. The normal action by West would be to discard a minor-suit card, and had West done so declarer would have had a better than 50 percent chance of guessing right in the trump suit.

Instead, West came up with a devilish ploy. Instead of stuffing, he ruffed his partner's ace (another no-no, according to bridge lore) and shifted to a diamond, taken by dummy's ace.

Consider the position from declarer's point of view. He had been wondering how to tackle the trump suit when it seemed that his problem had been solved for him. If West were guarding the queen of trumps, why should he ruff his partner's trick? So he called for the table's king of hearts—down one.

It is quite likely that, left to his own devices, declarer would have started trumps by leading the ace from hand on the theory that, since West was short in spades, he was more likely to have heart length. Therefore, we salute West for his acumen in giving declarer a nudge in the wrong direction.



THE WIZARD OF ID

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YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)

You will tend to be rather more irritable and should do all you can to control yourself. If you try to hide from the truth you will not succeed. Try to avoid something of minor importance from taking up too much of your time. Be fair.



Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

You will be rather liable to get things out of proportion. Something you are trying to learn will prove more difficult than you had expected. However you should persevere; if you do you will succeed. Be patient.



Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

You will tend to be rather short-tempered and should try to control yourself. You will encounter someone rather obstinate and will just have to put up with it. Do not take much if anything for granted. Be less aggressive.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

You will have a lot to do, but you should not get flustered. Avoid coming to a decision without due consideration or on the spur of the moment. One thing at a time is best. Be polite.



Leo (July 22 - Aug. 21)

You will tend to feel rather listless but your will power will help you to compensate for the feeling. A little more exercise will do you good. A few changes will have to be made: do not resist them. Be tactful.



Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 21)

You are more liable to trip, and should watch carefully where you are going. Your lucky numbers are 4 and 29. You should make it your first job to meet a commitment. Do not neglect an older relative. Be more tolerant.



Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)

Not everything will be quite as you would wish it to be. However, you will be able to make the best of the situation. And one or two things will turn out better than you had expected. Be hopeful.



Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)

You should not be in too great a hurry to reach a decision, but nor should you dither. You should do your utmost not to get into a mud-dle. You are rather liable to repeat yourself. Be magnanimous.



Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)

You will be inclined to draw the wrong conclusion, so be on your guard. You should face up your responsibilities, not try to evade them. Make sure you take sufficient note too strapping exercise. Be attentive.



Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan 19)

You are in a new situation and this will require a new response from you. You will be rather tempted to eat too many sweet things; try to restrain yourself. Seek to put little more order into your affairs. Be observant.



Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)

You should take a little more care about your personal appearance. Avoid taking everything quite so seriously, but not frivolously either. You will be tempted to spend more than you can really afford — don't. Be moderate.



Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 19)

Getting up in the morning will be a bit more difficult for you. Try to keep abreast of the news, but do not let it depress you. Live more in the present, and dwell less on the past. Be generous.

The plant world

PLANTS are found in almost every part of the world from Arctic wastes to steaming rain forests, and high in the mountains. There are several differences between plants and animals. Most obvious is that, in general, nearly all animals move about, while plants are anchored to the ground by their roots. The cell walls of plants are made of cellulose, whereas the cells of animals have just a protein membrane around them.

But the main distinction between animals and plants is in the way they obtain food. Animals generally eat solid food (either plants or other animals), and digest it inside their bodies. Most plants are green and contain chlorophyll, with which they make their own food by means of a process called photosynthesis. Exceptions to this rule are the fungi and a few other plants. These have no chlorophyll. They take food from other plants or animals, living or dead.

How plants make food

PLANTS make their food from carbon dioxide and water. The greenness of a plant's leaves comes from a green pigment called chlorophyll, which they use to make food. Plants can only make food in sunlight. This process by which plants make food is called photosynthesis.

In photosynthesis sugar is produced. This sugar can either be used to provide energy immediately, or it can be converted to starch, and then stored. The build-up of carbon dioxide and water into sugar involves a long and complicated series of chemical reactions. Scientists do not yet fully understand the process, particularly the way in which light and chlorophyll work.

The carbon dioxide is obtained from the air, and it enters the leaf through tiny holes called stomata. At the end of the process, oxygen is released, and passes out the stomata.

Transporting water and food

ABOUT 75 per cent of the material in green plant is water. All this water originally comes from the soil, and has to be taken up by the plant through its roots. The water travels

through the cells of the root until it reaches the xylem cells. These are long cells, with thick walls, which act as pipes to conduct the water up the plant.

Some water is used in chemical reactions (e.g. photosynthesis), and some is kept in the plant rigid and upright. If too much water is lost, the cells begin to collapse, and the plant wilts.

The water that is not needed in the plant passes out through the stomata—small openings on the underside of the leaves. The movement of water up the plant and out through the leaves is called transpiration.

The phloem cells also act as conducting pipes, but they carry food (made during photosynthesis) from the leaves to all parts of the plant.

Algae: A group that contains some of the largest as well as the smallest kinds of life. Many kinds consist of

just one cell and can only be seen under a microscope. Others, such as brown seaweeds, called kelps, grow to over 40 metres. The single-celled algae include Chlamydomonas, Euglena, and Pleurococcus. Also in this group are the diatoms and desmids, which make up a large part of plankton. But there are also many multicellular algae. Filamentous algae, such as Spirogyra, consist of long chains of cells, and some filamentous algae are branched. There are also more leaf-like algae, such as Ulva, the sea lettuce. But no algae have roots, stems, or leaves.

One class of algae, the blue-green algae, have no nucleus in their cells. They are more primitive than the other algae, and are often placed in a separate group.

Fungi: A group of plants that do not have chlorophyll in their cells. They get their food from the medium in which they grow (rotting vegetation, bread, growing plants). Some scientists classify them in a kingdom separate from the plants or animals. Included in this group are moulds, rusts, yeasts, and mushrooms.

Bryophytes: A group of plants that contains the liverworts and mosses. None of these plants has any true vascular tissue (xylem and phloem) for conducting water. They are therefore all small

plants that grow near or in water.

There are two types of liverworts. Thaloid liverworts, such as Pellia and Marchantia, have flatish structures. They have no roots, stems, or leaves, but they do have tiny rhizoids. These are elongated cells on the underside of the plant that hold the plant to the surface of the ground. The rhizoids are not used for taking up water, which is taken in over the whole plant body. Leafy liverworts, such as Lophocolea, have stems to which simple leaves are attached.

Mosses are more advanced plants. They resemble leafy liverworts in many ways, but their stems and leaves are more developed. Inside their stems they have long cells that may conduct water. But these are not true xylem cells. Some mosses are able to live in quite dry conditions. Examples of this group are Funaria, Polytrichum, and Sphagnum (the bog moss).

Mosses and liverworts produce male and female sex cells. When the female sex cell has been fertilised, it grows into a capsule that contains hundreds of spores. Each spore is capable of producing a new plant.

Psilotes: A small group of primitive vascular plants (plants that have conducting cells to carry water). They have no roots, the underground part being a modified stem called a rhizome. They do not have leaves either, but some kinds have scales.

Pteridophytes: A large group of vascular plants that includes the club-mos-

ses, horsetails, and ferns.

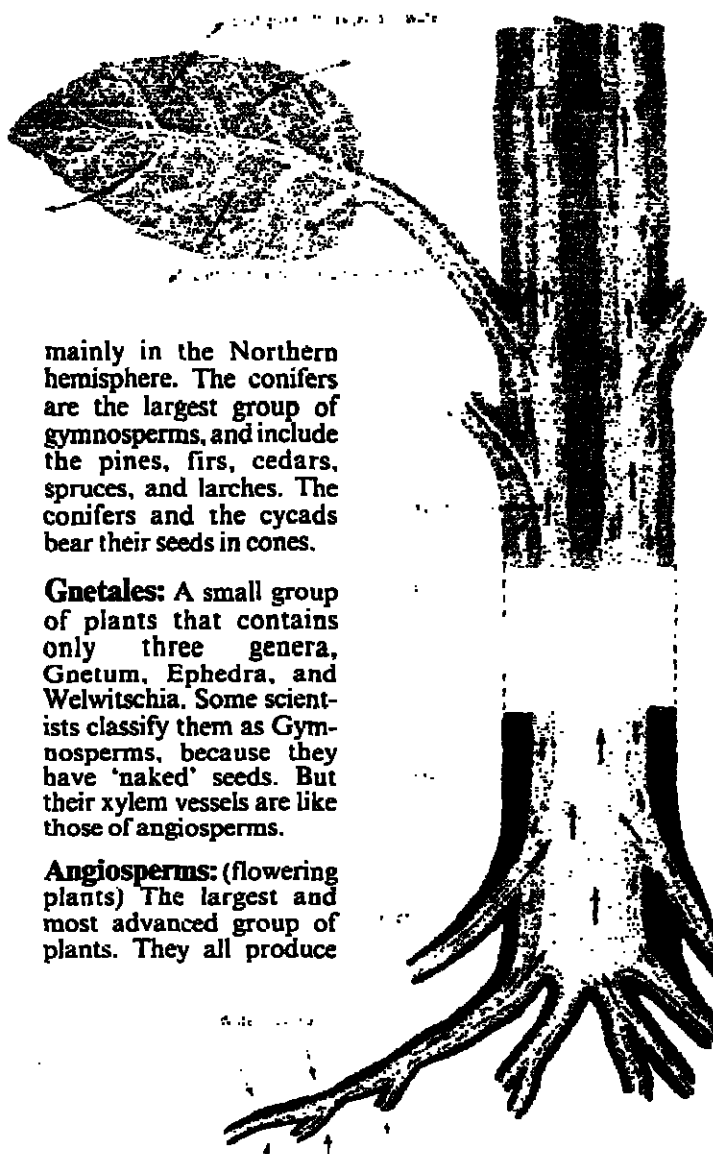
The club-mosses are species of Selaginella and Lycopodium. They grow in a variety of different climates and habitats. They have stems that are densely covered with small leaves. At the end of fertile stems, they produce spores in club-shaped organs.

Horsetails all belong to the genus Equisetum. They grow from rhizome, and their stems are jointed. They have no true leaves, but at each joint of the stem many have a ring of long, pointed structures like leaf-stalks. Like the club-mosses, they produce spores in club-shaped organs.

The main class of the pteridophytes is that of the ferns. They have roots, stems and leaves. They generally have larger leaves than the other pteridophytes, and these are generally called fronds. Spores are produced in containers on the underside of the leaves. Some ferns, such as Marsilea, live in water. But the majority are land plants.

Gymnosperms: A group of plants that produces seeds that are 'naked', that is they are not enclosed in fruits. They include the cycads, the maidenhair tree (Ginkgo), the yews, and the conifers.

The maidenhair tree is a 'living fossil'. All its relatives are extinct. Cycads are a small class of plants that also have ancient origins. Their ancestors were abundant 130 million years ago, and modern cycads are very much like those ancestors. The yews are evergreen trees and shrubs that grow



mainly in the Northern hemisphere. The conifers are the largest group of gymnosperms, and include the pines, firs, cedars, spruces, and larches. The conifers and the cycads bear their seeds in cones.

Gnetales: A small group of plants that contains only three genera, Gnetum, Ephedra, and Welwitschia. Some scientists classify them as Gymnosperms, because they have 'naked' seeds. But their xylem vessels are like those of angiosperms.

Angiosperms: (flowering plants) The largest and most advanced group of plants. They all produce

seeds that are enclosed in fruits. Many angiosperms also have elaborate methods of dispersing their seeds.

The angiosperms are divided into two classes. The Monocotyledons have only one 'seed leaf' or cotyledon, and their leaves generally have striate,

parallel veins. The Dicotyledons have two 'seed leaves', and their leaves have a network of veins.

A wide variety of trees, shrubs, and herbaceous plants belong to this group. And they are found in almost every habitat in the world.

Happy birthday



Anna Ali Khan will be celebrating her 1st birthday on July 8. Many happy returns of the day from dad, mum, grandmother and friends, Romeen and Mona.



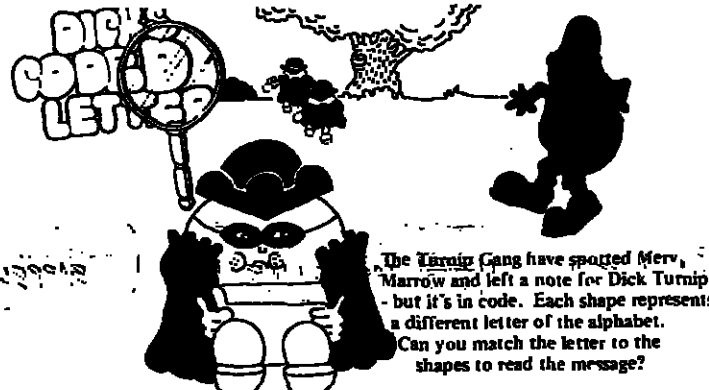
Mohammed Ghouse celebrated his third birthday last week with his family and friends. His father Qasim and uncle Mehboob and Basha wish him a very happy birthday.

Just for laughs!

Man: "How long's the next bus going to be?"
Stooped Inspector: "Er—same length as the other buses!"

Judge (To criminal): "Three months or £100, which do you want?"
Criminal: "Er—I'll have the hundred pounds."

Solutions to Tuesday's crosswords

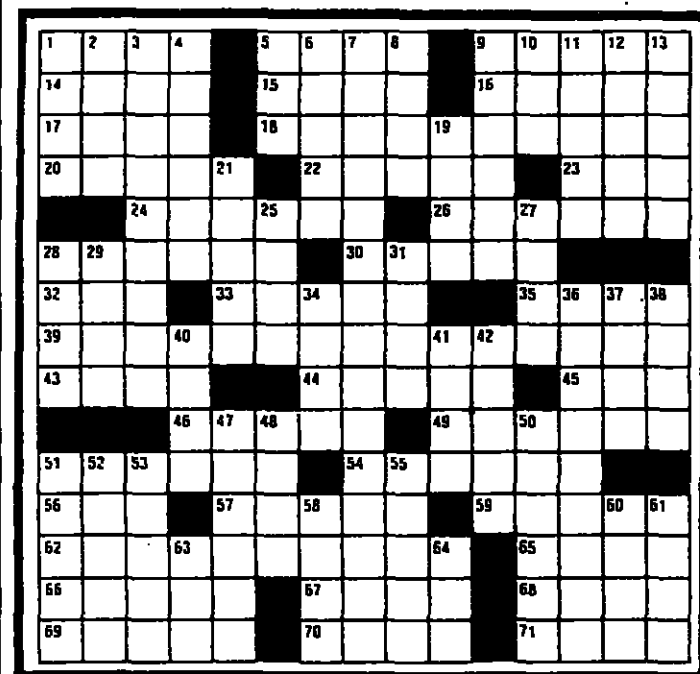


Colouring time

What is the chef cooking?
Can you spell this food? Do you like it?
Do you have the proper colours to colour it in?



Crossword



- ACROSS
1 Scads
5 Mobster
9 Old English
14 Indian city
15 Dull pain
16 TV actress
17 Vicious
18 Climbing
20 Worktable
22 Frequently
23 Fish-eating
24 Breastbones
26 Go-between
28 Deli
30 Captured
- 32 Arabian
33 "— and his
35 Brainstorm
39 Act deci-
43 British gun
44 Tombstone
45 — culpa
46 Jewish
49 Beam
51 Pakistan
54 Rubs out
56 Consumed
57 Ms. Reese
59 Come in

- 62 Serious
65 Plunge
66 Employer
67 Leg joint
68 King
69 Allelives
70 Sir Anthony
71 Contraction
- DOWN
1 Mary's
2 Kind of
3 Decipher
4 Private
5 Empty talk
6 Jacket
7 Great
8 Old Irish
9 Farmers'
10 Measure of
11 Of former
12 Watchful
13 Sea birds
19 Plumbing
21 Virile one
25 Widespread
- 27 Arthurian
28 Weakens
29 Border on
31 Lily plant
34 Greek
36 House
37 Water
38 Literary
40 Aware of
41 Spiced
42 Poke fun at
47 Commands
48 Hollow
50 Japanese
51 Shaping
52 Ancient
53 Listens to
55 Indian
58 Similar to
60 Equally
61 Take a
63 Opposite
64 Japanese
coin

Amazing facts

The tuatara lizard of New Zealand is a living fossil. It is the only survivor of an order of reptiles common 250 million years ago. It takes at least a year for its eggs to incubate.

The stegosaurus weighed 6-1/2 tonnes, but its brain weighed only 71 grammes.

The only member of the British royal family to have competed at the Wimbledon tennis championships as King George VI.

In Florida, USA, the rattlesnake is served as an hors d'oeuvre.

Enid Blyton wrote a total of 600 children's stories.

Cockroaches are commonly called 'black beetles,' but they are not black and it is not a beetle.

Jean-Paul Sartre, French novelist, taught himself to read and write.

An English firm made a jigsaw puzzle for an American consisting of 10,400 pieces, and measuring 4.6 metres x 3 metres.

Saudi Arabia covers an area of 830,00 square miles, yet there is not a single river in the whole country.

It is illegal to sell anti-freeze to Indians in Quebec, Canada.

In 1965 a Japanese created a slow-bicycling record by remaining stationary for 5 hours 25 minutes.

Hundreds of fossil jellyfish found in Australia, prove that the area was covered by the sea 600 million years ago.

Dear Junior Readers,

I'm sure many of you, as I myself, have been put in very embarrassing situations... when you remember them they sometimes seem quite funny, at other times they are humiliating and you feel you could have acted differently to avoid them. In the latter case you learn from your mistake. Anyway, if you have been put in a sticky situation, why don't you write in and tell us about it. All of the readers and myself would love to hear the story.

Write in clear handwriting and watch your spelling so that your story will be published. Remember to send in a photograph of yourself and your full name, age, school and telephone number.

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Argentina score 2nd rugby win

TAUPO, New Zealand, July 5, (Reuter): Argentina beat King Country 9-4 today to record the second win of their rugby union tour of New Zealand, but the victory was marred by star number eight Gustavo Milano being sent to hospital after taking a punch from Glynn Meads.

Milano, one of Argentina's most experienced and forceful forwards, was carried off concussed after King Country captain and number eight Meads punched him, apparently in retaliation for being obstructed in a line-out.

The match, although relatively clean after the incident which brought the Pumas a penalty and Meads a warning, ended sourly when forwards were involved in an off-the-ball brawl.

The drab rugby matched the cold conditions with the Pumas failing to cross the King Country line for an orthodox try. They gained a penalty try 11 minutes into the second half when King Country marred an attacking Pumas scrum with a deliberate offside. Daniel Baetti converted to add to a successful penalty kick.

The tourists, as expected, had a big scrum advantage but were matched by King Country in the lineouts and were outplayed in the loose. Outstanding for King Country were Meads and flanker Clarry Ili.

King Country might well have won the game but kicker Hutana Coffin at centre had a poor day with his boot and failed with all four attempts at the posts.

King Country's points came from a sparkling try on the counter-attack from a breakdown in the Pumas' backline and right wing, Simon Bradley ran 50 metres to score.

ARGENTINA: Alejandro Scodini; Juan Soler, Marcelo Rightmire, Marcelo Loffreda, Cristian Mendy, Diego Cuesta Silva, Rafael Madero, Daniel Baetti, Gustavo Milano (Joaquin Uriarte), Pablo di Nisio, Alejandro Iachetti, Pablo Bueabe, Serafin Dengra, Juan Jose Angelillo, Luis Molina.

KING COUNTRY: Dennis Perham, Andrew James, Simon Bradley, Pita Coffin, Hutana Coffin, Nigel Swain, Henare Leach, Glynn Meads, Clarry Ili, Gary Jeffries, Martin Johnson, Russell Alve, Grant Lethborg, Paul Mitchell, Trevor Stuart.

Kim sets two world records

LAUSANNE, Switzerland, July 5, (AP): Olympic gold medalist Soo Nyoung Kim of South Korea set two world records to take an early lead in the women's event of the World Archery Championships opening at Chavannes stadium yesterday.

Allen Raser, a 16-year-old American, moved to the top in the men's standings, edging Vadim Shikarev of the Soviet Union.

Kim, 18, scored 336 points over 70 metres and 347 points at the 60-metre target, bettering records held by two Soviet women archers, Marfel and Shah, by 6 and 5 points, respectively.

Injury-hit Lions may name Test team on Saturday

BRISBANE, Australia, July 5, (Reuter): The British Lions, plagued by injuries, may delay naming their side for the second Test against Australia until the morning of the match on Saturday, coach Ian McGeechan said today.

McGeechan said yesterday's 41-25

defeat of Australian Capital Territory had added three more players to the touring side's already extensive injury list — flanker John Jeffrey, flanker Andy Robinson and prop Gareth Chilcott.

Centre John Deverux and flanker Mike Teague, in line for a call-up for the

second Test, did not play against ACT because they were still unfit. Australia won the first Test 30-12.

McGeechan said the team, due to be named this morning, would not now be declared until later in the week, perhaps even on Saturday.

"At this stage it's in the lap of the

gods," said McGeechan. "We may name it tomorrow or might even need to wait until Saturday morning."

The Australian forwards concentrated on their line-out play where they were penalised heavily in the first test.

"I was very worried about the lineout in the first Test because we gave away

far too many penalties," said coach Bob Dwyer.

"We had put a lot of work into clean lineouts before the match so to be penalised as we were was something we didn't anticipate."

Wallabies skipper Nick Farr-Jones, who has a heavy head cold, said the

players were determined to dismiss the first Test from their minds.

"We made a big point this morning that we've got to go into this match as if it's the first all over again," he said.

"We can do a lot of things better than we did in the first Test."

Ecuador hold Argentina to 0-0 draw

Uruguay recover with 3-0 victory over Bolivia

RIO DE JANEIRO, July 5, (Reuter): Ecuador, conquerors of holders Uruguay, managed Diego Maradona's Argentina and held them to a scoreless draw in the South American championship last night.

Ecuador could have won if left back Jimmy Izquierdo had not blasted a 50th-minute penalty over the bar.

Blonde Argentine striker Claudio Caniggia netted the ball midway through the second half, heading it in after a 25-metre shot by Maradona crashed off the crossbar. But Peruvian referee Jose Ramirez ruled Caniggia offside.

Maradona came close again five minutes from time when he struck the corner of goalkeeper Carlos Morales' crossbar and right post with a brilliant, curling free kick.

Caniggia's substitute Carlos Alfaro Moreno was slow to control the rebound and the defence cleared the danger.

The 12,000-crowd was much fewer than the 45,000 who turned out for Sunday's opening Group Two games.

Two games, Maradona, whose eyes were followed by fans since he arrived at the group two venue Goiania, disappointed them with few flashes of skill.

Argentina and Ecuador share the lead in Group Two with three points each and the same goal difference. Uruguay are a point behind after beating Bolivia 3-0 earlier.

Ecuador posed more problems for Argentina than Chile in the world champions' 1-



Maradona (left) passes a fallen Ecuadorian player. (Reuter wirephoto).

0 win on Sunday.

The Ecuadorians owe their improved form to Yugoslav coach Dusan Draskovic, whose main objective is to guide them to the World Cup finals for the first time.

The world champions failed to take advantage of an extra man from the 69th minute when Ecuadorian defender Luis Capurro was shown a red card. Alfaro Moreno, dismissed in

the 90th minute, was the fifth player sent off in eight matches in the 10-nation tournament.

Uruguay recovered some self esteem after a shock defeat against Ecuador two days ago by beating Bolivia.

Midfielder Santiago Ostolaza of reigning world club champions Nacional of Montevideo opened the scoring in the 29th minute with a 25-metre shot that hit the crossbar and bounced into



Ecuadorians watch as Maradona weaves his way past them. (Reuter wirephoto).



Holger Quinonez of Ecuador (right) and Maradona go flat out for the ball. (Reuter wirephoto).

the net off Bolivian goalkeeper Marco Barrero's back.

Three minutes later, Ruben

Sosa, who plays for Italy's Lazio, put the Copa America holders two goals up by netting a centre

from winger Antonio Alzamendi.

Ostolaza added a third goal with a 60th minute header as Uruguay slackened the pace and waited for the lightweight Bolivians to come at them.

Uruguay had started on a bad note, losing Pablo Bengoechea after only 13 minutes when the Seville midfielder was sent off for a late, high tackle.

Lineups from yesterday's matches:

URUGUAY: Javier Zeoli, Jose Herrera, Hugo de Leon, Nelson Gutierrez, Alfonso Dominguez, Gabriel Correa (Ruben Pereira), Santiago Ostolaza, Ruben Paz, Antonio Alzamendi, Pablo Bengoechea, Ruben Sosa (Carlos Aguilera).

BOLIVIA: Marco Barrero, Romer Roca, Ricardo Fontana, Eligio Martinez, Marciano Saldias, Eduardo Villegas, Carlos Borja, Milton Melgar, Erwin Sanchez, Mario Etcheverry (Ramiro Castillo), Arturo Garcia.

ECUADOR: Carlos Morales, Jimmy Izquierdo, Holger Quinonez, Wilson Macias, Luis Capurro, Kleber Fajardo, Alex Aguinaga, Julio Rosero, Hamilton Cui, Byron Tenorio (Hermen Benitez), Raul Aviles.

ARGENTINA: Luis Islas, Nestor Clausen (Pedro Troglio), Jose Brown, Jose Cuculio, Oscar Ruggeri, Roberto Sensi, Sergio Batista, Jorge Burruchaga, Diego Maradona, Claudio Caniggia (Carlos Alfaro Moreno), Gabriel Calderon.

IAAF meet to discuss drug abuse

TOKYO, July 5, (Reuter): The International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) is to hold a special meeting in Vienna on July 15 to discuss doping issues, including world record holder Ben Johnson's drugs confession.

IAAF president Primo Nebiolo said today the meeting would "decide on strong and new ways of specially dealing with such cases as Johnson's."

Nebiolo, on a visit to Japan to inspect the Tokyo Olympic Stadium, planned site of the 1991 World Athletics Championships, declined to say more prior to the meeting in Vienna.

Johnson, who was stripped of his Olympic 100 metres gold medal in Seoul after testing positive for anabolic steroids, last month admitted to a Canadian government inquiry into drug abuse in sport that he had taken drugs a month before the 1987 Rome World Championships where he set a world record of 9.83 seconds for the 100 metres.

The IAAF is considering new proposals to disqualify athletes retroactively and withdraw their results and times if they later confess to taking drugs.

Kenyan wins Peachtree Road Race

ATLANTA, July 5, (AP): Kenya's Ibrahim Hussein out-ran American Mark Nenow for a one-second victory in the 20th running of the 10-kilometre Peachtree Road Race yesterday.

Hussein and Nenow ran side by side the final three miles (4.8 kilometres) then 100 yards (91.4 metres) from the finish in Piedmont Park. Hussein edged ahead, crossing the line in 28 minutes and 13 seconds and picking up the 5,000-dollar first-place cheque.

Nenow, the world-record holder in the Road 10K, finished in 28:14 and received \$4,000.

"I used to be a miler, so when we came into the park together, I knew that I had a good chance of winning with my kicks," said Hussein, the 1988 Boston marathon and 1987 New York marathon winner.

Fellow Kenyan William Musyoki overcame cramps, finished strong and placed third in 28:34.

Running in his first major 10K, Alejandro Cruz of Mexico City found the early pace too quick for his liking and coasted home in fourth with a time of 28:38.

Nuggets to play three top teams

ROME, July 5, (AP): The Denver Nuggets will face three of the best European basketball teams in the third edition of the McDonald's Open tournament scheduled in Rome Oct 20-22, organizers announced yesterday.

The NBA team will be pitted against Italian champion Philips Milan, European champion Yugoslav Split of Yugoslavia and Spain's Barcelona.

Steve Mills, director of NBA's special events, said the tournament will mix European and US rules.

There will be four periods of 12 minutes, in the US style. Zone defence, practiced in Europe, will be allowed.

Tyson hurt by biographer's claim

NEW YORK, July 5, (AP): Mike Tyson says Jose Torres is "worse than a murderer," for writing in a biography of Tyson that the heavyweight champion enjoyed brutalizing women.

Tyson is quoted as saying in the book that his best punch was one with which he hit his former wife, Robin Givens.

In a taped interview to be aired on the Syndicated Television show "A Current Affair," Tyson says he has turned his life around and would like to re-marry and have children. He denounces Torres, the former light-heavyweight champion and once his close associate as "a traitor."

In the book, "Fire and Fear," Torres quotes Tyson as saying of Givens: "She really offended me and I went 'bam.' She flew backwards, hitting every wall in the apartment. That was the best punch I've ever thrown in my entire life."

But Tyson, responding in depth for the first time, vehemently denied the allegations that he liked to hurt women.

"Perhaps there are some people who want to believe it but it's absurd," he said in the interview. "I mean, can anybody be all this? Nobody ever saw me out on the street battering a woman or cursing a woman or doing anything like that."

Tyson paraphrased Plutarch, the ancient Greek biographer and historian, whose work "lives" quoted Romulus, co-founder of Rome, as saying, "I love treason but hate a traitor."

"As for Torres, it's like the jealous woman syndrome. You get a lot of fur coats and jewellery and you get spoiled and then it's bye-bye. I think it was Shakespeare who said 'I love the act of treason but I hate a traitor' and that's my comment on Jose Torres — a traitor who is worse than a rapist."

"It's mind boggling," said Tyson. "You look at this guy and he's your friend and he's hugging you and he tells you how much he loves you and he'll die for you, and 'my family is your family, but I have to make some money so I'm going to cut your throat out and leave you to bleed to death.'"



Tyson and Givens before they split.

Browning helps Reds overcome Phillies

Dawson takes Cubs past Padres

NEW YORK, July 5, (AP): Tom Browning had the perfect gameplan to beat the Philadelphia Phillies.

Browning came within three outs of becoming the first Major League pitcher to pitch two perfect games as the Cincinnati Reds beat the Philadelphia Phillies 2-1 last night at Veterans Stadium.

In other National League games yesterday, Chicago routed San Diego 5-1, Houston whipped New York 10-3, St. Louis edged Los Angeles 2-1, Pittsburgh beat San Francisco 5-3, and Atlanta defeated Montreal 9-3.

In the Reds-Phillies game, Dickie Thon hit a drive to right-centre field that went to the wall for a double to ruin Browning's perfect game. One out later, Steve Jeltz got a pinch single to score Thon and Chase Browning. John Franco got the last two outs for his 22nd save.

"I just tried to throw pitches where (catcher) Bo (Diaz) wanted, low. They hit some hard but right at people," Browning said.

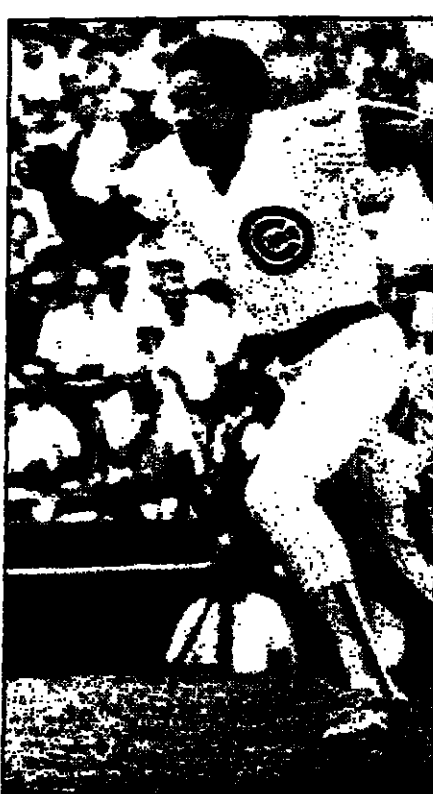
Browning, 7-6, struck out four and walked none.

Browning pitched a perfect game last Sept 16 at Riverfront Stadium against Los Angeles. His gem against the Dodgers was 14th perfect game of at least nine innings.

"We just sat there talking. We've all been in this situation together before. I tried to stay nice and relaxed," Browning said.

The Reds scored two runs in the first off Terry Mulholland, 1-3, on RBIs by Kai Daniels and Paul O'Neill.

Mike Scott became the Major League's first 14 game-winner this season and Houston scored eight runs in the first inning off Bob Ojeda as the Astros beat New York, Scott, 14-4, won for the eighth time in his



Andre Dawson

last nine decisions and it's the earliest in his career that he has won 14 games. His previous best was in 1986 when he won his 14th on Aug 29 and went on to win the Cy Young Award.

Cubs 5, Padres 1

Andre Dawson had three hits, drove in one run and scored another, leading Mike Bielecki and Chicago past San Diego.

The victory ended a streak of six straight

home losses for the Cubs, who scored three runs against Ed Whitson, 10-6, in the first inning and added two unearned runs in the third.

Pirates 5, Giants 3
Jose Lind and R.J. Reynolds drove in two runs each in Pittsburgh's four-run fifth inning as the Pirates beat San Francisco for their sixth victory in eight games.

The loss sliced the Giants' lead over second-place Houston to 11-2 games in the NL West.

Cardinals 2, Dodgers 1

Joe Magrane pitched a five-hitter for his third straight victory, leading St. Louis past Los Angeles.

The Cardinals scored two runs in the first inning off Fernando Valenzuela, 4-7.

Braves 9, Expos 3

Jeff Blauser had four hits, including a two-run double in five-run first inning, as the Atlanta Braves beat the Montreal Expos 9-3 last night.

Yankees 1, Tigers 0

On the 50th anniversary of New York Yankee great Lou Gehrig's farewell, Don Schulze came back.

"I kept hoping my day would come, but you never know," Schulze said yesterday after he led the Yankees past Detroit Tigers 1-0.

In other American League baseball games, Cleveland edged Chicago 3-2, Milwaukee slipped past Boston 4-3, California defeated Texas 5-2, and Kansas City routed Oakland 10-1.

Schulze gave up six hits, three in the first inning, for his first big-League victory since July 20, 1987, with the New York Mets. He became the 11th pitcher to start a game for the Yankees this season and got his chances because of several injuries to the staff.

"To get that kind of performance out of

him was special," New York manager Dallas Green said. "It came at a time when we needed it. And we didn't give him much breathing room."

Tom Brookens, who like Schulze played in the Detroit organization last season, singled home the only run in the fourth inning off Frank Tanana. Don Mattingly went 3-for-4 and extended his hitting streak to 17 games.

Pregame ceremonies honoured Gehrig, who said farewell to baseball between games of a doubleheader on July 4, 1939.

Indians 3, White Sox 2

Luis Aguayo hit his first home run of the season and Scott Bailes won for the third time in four starts.

Bailes, 4-3, allowed two runs on six hits in seven innings, walking none and striking out two. Doug Jones got the last three outs for his 20th save in 23 opportunities.

Orioles 8, Blue Jays 0

Dave Schmidt pitched a perfect game for 61-3 innings and Cal Ripken drove in three runs. Mark Williamson finished the combined two-hitter with 2-2-3 innings of hitless relief for his seventh save.

Schmidt, 8-7, lost the perfect-game bid when Tony Fernandez beat out a bunt single down the first-base line.

Brewers 4, Red Sox 3

Paul Molitor snapped a 2-2 tie with a leadoff home run in the eighth inning off Joe Price, 1-4, and B.J. Surhoff added a sacrifice fly in the ninth for a 4-2 lead.

Chris Bosio, 8-5, allowed seven hits in 7-2-3 innings, struck out eight and walked three. Dan Plesac got the final four outs for his League-leading 21st save in 26 opportunities.

Mariners 3, Twins 2

Scott Bankhead, 7-4, allowed three hits and one run in 7-1-3 innings to win his fifth consecutive decision.

Cook notches up another milestone

LONDON, July 5, (Reuter): South African opener, Jimmy Cook of Somerset yesterday notched up another prolific milestone at Derby, his 85 taking him past 2,000 runs in all cricket this season.

He was guiding Somerset, in an English County Championship match, towards a target of 301 when Michael Holding intervened for Derbyshire. The former West Indian fast bowler took three for 12 in 22 balls, including Cook, to leave Somerset to hang on for a draw.

An absorbing final day was only possible through some generous contrivance from both captains, with Vic Marks declaring 213 runs behind knowing that opposite number Kim Barnett would not enforce the follow-on. Derbyshire then built up their lead to 300 before setting the scene for the run chase.

David Gower was unable to lead Leicestershire to victory, struggling Warwickshire batting all day at Hinckley.

Geoff Humpage played the match-saving innings, a 200-minute 55 as the visitors, needing 175 to avoid an innings defeat, held out at 193 for eight.

Results

At Hinckley: Match drawn. Warwickshire 196 in 81.4 overs and 193 for eight (G. Humpage 55). Leicestershire 371 for six declared in 118 overs. Leicestershire eight points. Warwickshire three.

At Derby: Match drawn. Derbyshire 444 for nine declared in 143.2 overs and 87 for two declared (1. Redpath 43 not out, Somerset 231 for five declared in 78 overs and 340 for seven (J. Cook 85, P. Roebuck 54). Derbyshire six points, Somerset two.

At Horsham: Match drawn. Essex 185 in 70.4 overs and 350 for six declared (M.



Geoff Humpage

Gernham 90 not out, D. Pringle 81 not out, P. Frichard 60, Sussex 235 in 112.5 overs and 240 for nine (D. Smith 71, A. Wells 49, J. Childs five for 84). Sussex Seven points, Essex three.

Standings

English county championship cricket table after yesterday's matches (absolute under played, won, lost, drawn, batting bonus points, bowling bonus points, total points):

Essex	11	6	0	4	25	30	151
Lancashire	11	4	1	6	29	34	127
Northants	11	4	3	4	24	38	126
Middlesex	10	4	2	4	19	38	121
Worcestershire	10	4	2	4	17	37	118
Hampshire	11	3	3	5	27	33	108
Surrey	11	2	3	6	25	36	93
Leicestershire	10	2	4	2	22	33	87
Yorkshire	12	2	8	2	22	33	87
Nottingham	11	2	3	6	23	28	83
Glamorgan	11	2	0	9	20	30	82
Somerset	11	2	2	7	24	24	82
Gloucestershire	10	2	2	6	14	35	81
Sussex	10	1	1	8	28	35	79
Kent	10	1	3	6	25	26	76
Warwickshire	10	0	6	18	38	64	58
Derbyshire	9	1	3	14	28	58	58

Note: Warwickshire total includes eight points from a match in which the scores finished level while they were batting.

New Pak XI edge Mughal

NEW PAK XI scored an exciting one-run victory over Mughal Cricket Club in a Summer League match played at the N.C. grounds earlier this week.

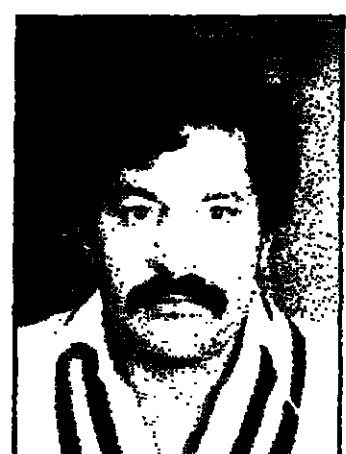
New Pak XI opted to bat first, after winning the toss, but were off to a bad start when they lost Parvaiz with the score only 13. Tariq joined the other opener, Ismail, who seemed to be playing well until a good length ball from Tahir uprooted his off stump.

Tariq was run out for 23 to leave New Pak at 49 for three. Aslam and Ashraf stemmed the rot and took the score to 104 before the latter was run out for 41.

Aslam scored 27 and Mohammed Ali 16 as New Pak XI reached 135 for the loss of seven wickets by the end of their 20 allotted overs.

For Mughal, Tahir took two wickets for 23 runs while Saif got one for 24.

Mughal opens Iqbal and Tariq, went for the runs from the



Waheed

Beleagured England hit by injuries to players

BIRMINGHAM, England, July 5. (Reuters): England, with the Ashes already slipping rapidly from their grasp, have been hit by injuries to key players on the eve of the third Test against Australia.

Robin Smith, scorer of a defiant 96 in the second Test defeat at Lord's, is definitely out of the Edgbaston Test, beginning tomorrow, with a hamstring injury.

So, too, is Allan Lamb, century-maker in the first match of the series at Headingley which Australia also won. He announced his withdrawal today after seeing a specialist about a damaged shoulder.

Strike bowler Neil Foster could also be missing after splitting blisters on his bowling hand during a county match yesterday.

The one ray of hope for captain David Gower is that all-rounder Ian Botham, who missed the first two Tests because of a fractured cheekbone, proved his fitness with a match return of 11 for 175 against Northamptonshire, his best bowling figures for years.

Performer of near-miracles for England in the past, especially against Australia, his presence alone will serve to lift morale. The question is whether his flair and talent have survived a year off through a back injury sufficiently to halt the Australian juggernaut.

Worcestershire opener Tim Curtis, who played twice against West Indies last year with little success, has been called in to replace Smith and will presumably open the innings, with Kim Barnett dropping down the order.

Lamb's absence is expected to insure Mike Gatting a game, although his recent poor form had made him the obvious candidate to be omitted from the squad.

He has failed to score in three of his last six innings which have brought him a top score of 22. Paul Jarvis, dropped after taking only one wicket at Lord's has been recalled as a cover for Foster whose probable absence would mean England have not fielded the same new-ball attack in consecutive Tests since the beginning of last season.

The problems of Australian skipper Allan Border are minuscule by comparison, his main concern being the form of opener and vice-captain Geoff Marsh.

Marsh, who has scored only 26 runs in four innings in the series, failed to capitalise on some weak Glamorgan bowling at the weekend while his opening partner Mike Veletta, bidding for a Test place, showed his return to form with innings of 134 not out and 83.

The Glamorgan match also saw the return of paceman Carl Rackemann who missed the first two Tests through injury, although Australia are likely to field an unchanged side.

With all-rounder Steve Waugh in irrepressible form with the bat and fast-medium bowler Terry Alderman proving again to be a match-winner with the ball, Border must fancy his chances of taking a 3-0 lead in the six-match series.

World fencing tourney begins

DENVER, July 5. (AP): The biggest world fencing championships ever held, featuring more than 500 competitors from 40 countries, began today — the first time the championships have been held in the United States since 1958 and only the second time ever.

By the time the championships end, in 11 days, titles will be awarded in 10 categories: individual and team competition in men's foil, epee and sabre and women's foil and epee. This is the first world event in which women have been allowed to compete in epee, an event previously thought too dangerous.

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A marathon bridge will be held tomorrow at the Sheraton Hotel at 3.00 pm.

McEnroe beats Wilander

Becker and Lendl reach semifinals

LONDON, July 5. (Reuters): John McEnroe reached his first Wimbledon semifinal since 1984 by crushing the title ambitions of Swede Mats Wilander in a marvellous quarterfinal that enthralled the centre court for nearly four hours today.

The match took nearly as long as the combined time of two other quarter-finals on the adjacent number one court which top seed Ivan Lendl and Boris Becker, the third seed, won in straight sets to go forward to a repeat of their 1988 semifinal.

Lendl, the US-based Czechoslovak, and West German Becker made short work of unseeded Americans. Lendl beat Dan Goldie, who was increasingly inconvenienced by a leg injury, 7-6 7-6 6-0 with 21 aces while Becker overpowered Paul Chamberlin, the world's 91st ranked player, 6-1 6-2 6-0.

The two matches, dominated by serve-and-volley, could hardly have been sharper contrast to the McEnroe-Wilander duel which showed that grass-court tennis need not necessarily be dominated by strong-arm tactics.

McEnroe, the fifth seed and champion here three times between 1981 and 1984, produced shot-making of the highest quality to beat the fourth-seeded Wilander 7-6 3-6 6-3 6-4.

For Wilander, who won three Grand Slam titles in 1988, defeat meant yet another failed attempt to go beyond the quarter-finals.



Ivan Lendl returns a shot

at nine Wimbledon.

In the first-set tie-break, Wilander led 6-5 after a service winner over which McEnroe jostled with Kaufman. On McEnroe's serve on the next point, Wilander had the American out of position and set point on his racket. But he smacked a forehand into the net, and McEnroe won the next two points as well, breaking Wilander for the sets as the Swede netted a forehand off a deep forehand service return.

Wilander and McEnroe exchanged breaks in the third and fourth games of the second set, then held before McEnroe slumped. Wilander won five

games in a row to even the match and take a 2-0 lead in the third set.

Then came turning point No. 2.

Wilander had triple-break point for a 3-0 lead. But McEnroe saved them all and started his own five-game run. He saved a break point in the ninth game on two Wilander errors and held for a 2-sets-to-1 lead when Wilander netted a running forehand off a stretching volley by McEnroe.

McEnroe made mistakes, too. Wilander broke his serve eight times, and that included the final time in the eighth game of the fourth set. McEnroe was serving there for a 5-3 lead and the

chance to serve for the match.

So what did McEnroe do? He broke right back, of course, converting his third break point of the game when Wilander hit a backhand long.

With the crowd cheering, McEnroe served out the match. Wilander took one last point to make it 15-15 when McEnroe hit a forehand long after the Swede made a great return of a wildly swinging serve by the American.

McEnroe made it 30-15 with a service winner, double-match point on a drop volley and wrapped it up with another winning serve.

Drama in the Lendl-Goldie match centered largely on Goldie's health. The American had to limp through the final two sets after apparently injuring his left leg, which was examined during several changeovers by a trainer. By the third set, Goldie could hardly move, losing 14 points in a row at one stretch as Lendl closed out the match with little resistance.

All of the set points for Lendl came in the tie-break, which Lendl led 6-3 at one point. Goldie saved two set points on his own serve, then Lendl double-faulted on the third. Goldie saved to more set points before Lendl finished him off with an ace and a passing shot off a service return as Goldie dived for the ball.

2-Stefan Edberg (Sweden) beat 9-Tim Mayotte (US) 7-6 (7-2) 7-6 (14-12) 6-3

Dope testing

LONDON, July 5. (Reuters): Players testing positive for banned drugs will be suspended from the women's international tennis tour for nine months, the sport's officials said yesterday. The Women's International Tennis Association (WITA), announcing details of its dope testing programme to be introduced later this year, said a nine-month ban would be mandatory for a first offence.

Illie Nastase

WIMBLEDON, England, July 5. (UPI): Ilie Nastase, the one-time bad boy of tennis yesterday defended John McEnroe — whose on-court tantrums were described as premeditated "gamesmanship" by McEnroe's fourth-round opponent John Fitzgerald.

Cup qualifier

NEW YORK, July 5. (AP): The on-again, off-again World Cup qualifying match between the United States and El Salvador is off until July 23, at the earliest. Joseph "Sepp" Blatter, the general secretary of FIFA, decided yesterday not to have the game held in Los Angeles and said it would be played at Tegucigalpa, Honduras, or in Canada.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Punjab Shield

FLYING Arrows reached the finals of the Punjab Shield hockey tournament with a 3-2 victory over Unity at the Alhadi grounds earlier this week. Earnest, Joel and Jerry scored for the winners while Ifkhar got both the goals for Unity.

Good weather

WIMBLEDON, England, July 5. (AP): It's easy to tell that the weather has been good this Wimbledon. Jim Thorne has not held a single news conference. Thorne, the ground-skeeper at the All England Lawn Tennis Club, was a media star last year, when day after day of rain played havoc with the schedule and the grass courts.

West Ham

LONDON, July 5. (Reuters): Former Scottish international Lou Macari was named manager of West Ham United today after the club's relegation to English soccer's Second Division last season.

Ida soccer

TIVIM Centre met Santos Sports Club in the opening match of the sixth Ida Memorial Football Tournament at the Bour A ground tomorrow at 6.15 am. The tournament is being sponsored by the Goa Cultural Association.

Former champ

MAL DEL PLATA, Argentina, July 5. (Reuters): Former middleweight world boxing champion Carlos Monzon will appeal an 11-year prison sentence for the murder of his former wife, a defence lawyer said yesterday.

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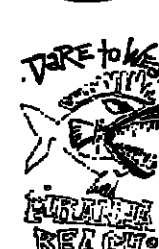
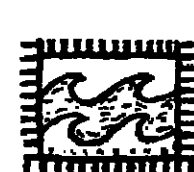
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